

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes of the
EDUCATION
COMMITTEE MEETING
October 6, 2014
Board Room – Trinity Hall

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by the Chairperson, Jennifer Morgan.

Committee members present were: Jennifer Morgan, Chairperson, Penny Caleffe, Jennifer Lanas, Dana Ledger, Andy Migyanko, Nicole Bockstoce, Craig Uram, Stacy McCullough, Karen Huff, and Dr. Michael Lucas.

Absent: Tom Durbin, Sarah Nee,

Also present: Henry Clemens, Frances Eates, Carol Lee,

Public Comment

None

Enrollment Age

Dr. Lucas distributed a list of all Allegheny County schools and their kindergarten cut off date. Mrs. Eates cited research about the importance of kindergarten being developmentally appropriate. Mrs. Morgan provided how kindergarten is implemented at Canon McMillan School District. Mrs. McCullough expressed her concern about students being too young or immature with the current start date. Teachers shared their concerns about kindergarten students being immature. A student graduating under the age of 18 was also listed as a concern. Dr. Lucas referenced PDE's desire that all districts use a similar date. It seems that only Washington School District uses a summer birth date.

This conversation evolved into a discussion about kindergarten readiness and the possibility of a pre-school at each of the elementary schools. Different pre-school funding sources were discussed and the idea of a half-day or full-day, as well as what qualifications should be used for families or children to attend the pre-school. This topic will be revisited after grade reconfigurations are explored.

Grade Reconfigurations

Carol Lee presented current research on grade level reconfigurations and cited that there is not one grade configuration that is necessarily better than another. Nicole Bockstoce shared research on grade level configurations. Henry Clemens provided a variety of information and concerns in reference to the transportation of students.

The Education Committee would like the administration to present a couple of options at the next Education Committee meeting including options for a phase 1 and phase 2 project as well as

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a project moving students all at once. District lines and redistricting were areas that should be reviewed. The possibility of changing start and dismissal times was discussed. The committee agreed that this information will need to be shared with all groups in our community. PTA presidents will be invited to attend the next Education Committee meeting.

New Business

None

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.