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TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes of the
EDUCATION
COMMITTEE MEETING
November 10, 2014
Chorus Room, Trinity High School

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, Tom Durbin, Jennifer Lanas, Dana Ledger, Andy Migyanko, Sarah Nee, Nicole Bockstoce, Craig Uram, Stacy McCullough, Karen Huff, and Dr. Michael Lucas.

Also present: Henry Clemens, Frances Eates, Kerrin McIlvaine, Don Snoke, Pete Keruskin, Sandra Deems, Michelle Ostrosky, Beth Tully, Aaron Scott, Shawn Trapuzzano, Gordon Lowry, Cindy Garda, and PTA/PFC Leadership

Public Comment

None

Grade reconfiguration discussion

Board President, Jennifer Morgan, explained that the Board and Administration are reviewing reconfiguration options in order to generate discussion and careful reflection to determine any potential course of action which may improve educational programs and the efficient use of staffing, resources, and facilities. She reminded everyone that discussions are in the preliminary stage.

Dr. Lucas and the administration discussed nine potential options to reconfigure grades levels. The challenges and benefits of each option were reviewed. Transportation and Special Education factors were noted. Mr. Henry Clemens provided a detailed presentation of the geographic attendance areas, bus travel time, and transportation routes of Amwell Township.

It was determined that before any movement of grade levels was considered, a committee of teachers, parents, administrators, school board members, and community members would be formed. Options 1, 5 and 9 will be discussed in more detail by the board.

AP and Oracle Test

The committee is recommending that the district reimburse students who earn a 4 or 5 on their AP test. Students choosing to participate in the Oracle exam will be reimbursed for a passing score.

Vo Ag Update

Mr. Snoke shared current updates on the Vocational Agriculture program. The committee thanked the Trapuzzano's for their generous donation to construct a greenhouse on the Trinity

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High School campus. PDE has indicated that Trinity Area is on track to be approved for the 2015-16 school year.

Reconfiguration of the Education Committee

The Board will reorganize committee chairs and members at their December 4 Reorganization meeting.

New Business

None

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

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