

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Education Committee Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2015
Board Room – Trinity Hall
5:00PM

AGENDA
and
Minutes

- I. Call to Order – Mrs. Morgan
- II. Harvard/Microsoft and Trinity Middle School Partnership Update

Mr. Greg Mittleider and Mr. Matt White discussed their experience in training with Microsoft and Harvard on the computer programming coursework. They discussed the implementation process at Trinity Middle School. The classes are up and running and all is going well. Mr. Andy Migyanko discussed the level of excitement and the potential for expansion of the computer programming options. Mr. Keruskin discussed the structure of the courses and the progress of piloting this program.

- III. Fab Lab Update and Preliminary Feedback

Mr. Donald Snoke reported the Fab Lab had been at Trinity High School last week, Sept. 8 – 11, 2015. A large number of staff and students were fortunate to experience the lab. Staff and student reactions to the Fab Lab were extremely supportive. They participated in a variety of demonstration and then employed brainstorming to develop options for the lab being here in the future. Mr. Samosky reported that the presentation went very well. The Fab Lab moved to Trinity Middle School late Friday, September 11, 2015. Mr. Kersukin reported the Fab Lab was at Trinity Middle School yesterday. The middle school had a schedule developed and the students and staff were becoming familiar with the process and possibilities. Mr. Snoke stated that State Representative Brandon Neuman visited Trinity High School to observe the Fab Lab in operation. Dr. Lucas reported Mr. Neuman informed him that he had completed a RFP for a \$250,000 grant for TASD for a STEAM-based initiative.

- IV. Industrial Technology Education Transformation – STEAM, Vocational-Agricultural and Robotics

Mr. Snoke reported the Industrial Technology curriculum would potentially be retooled to align with STEAM initiative. Additionally we are exploring the addition of the Vocational Agriculture Ag Mechanics and how this program would fit in accordingly with the STEAM and Robotics initiatives. Dr. Lucas stressed the importance of incorporating the STEAM initiatives and cutting edge curriculum into our educational processes at Trinity.

V. Elementary Enrollment Numbers

Mr. Jack Minnick discussed the enrollment numbers at the four elementary schools. Mr. Minnick focused his attention on the larger classes in specific buildings. Overall at Trinity North enrollment is up 27 students, Trinity West is up 8 students, Trinity South is up 1 student and Trinity East is down 11 students since June 1, 2015. Mr. Minnick will continue to monitor enrollment.

VI. Public Comment – Mrs. McCullough asked about the early open house dates for this school year. Dr. Lucas and Mrs. Morgan explained that the early dates were at the request of the teaching staff.

VII. New Business – No new business

VIII. Adjournment – Mrs. Morgan

Committee members:

Jennifer Morgan, Chairperson, Penny Caleffe, Tom Durbin
Jennifer Lanas, Andy Migyanko, Jennifer Paluda, Nicole Bockstoce, Stephen Kelley,
Karen Drexler, Connie Schreibeis, Stacey McCullough, Donald Snoke