

## TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 3, 2017

**\*\*THS Fab Lab THS Room 32 – Trinity Hall 5:00 PM\*\***

1. **\*\*Please Note: Meeting Location is Room 32 at THS\*\***
2. Call to Order – Mrs. Morgan called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM
3. THS Fab Lab and District Technology Plans – Mr. Snoke discussed the benefits of the technology that Trinity has been able to procure through grants and alternative funding. Mr. Crissman conducted a tour of the facilities and demonstrated several devices for the attendees. Mr. Crissman discussed the evening classes he conducted with members of the local community. The class consisted of 5 people ranging from a sixth grade student to a retired local community member. Mr. Crissman will run another set of classes in the near future. Mrs. Eates asked about students from other schools participating in the Fab Lab. The response was students from any county school district may attend or send their digital information to create a product in the Fab Lab. Mrs. Schreibeis inquired about TASD elementary students attending/participating in the THS Fab Lab. The response was they are welcome and we will set the logistics to make that happen. Dr. Lucas pointed out that the middle school will be developing a comparable Fab Lab and when students transition to THS they will arrive with improved and polished skill sets. The main goal of our technology deployment is to utilize technology to solve current and prevent potential future problems.
4. Trinity and Penn Commercial Partnerships with Toni and Guy and HVAC Programs – Mr. Samosky discussed the development of a partnership with Penn Commercial to facilitate THS students attending Penn Commercial and participating in the new Toni and Guy program. THS students would be able to complete their training and preparation for successfully completing the certification processes to obtain licensing under the Toni and Guy brand. Additionally THS students could attend the Lennox HVAC program at Penn Commercial and work toward completing their certification and earn an associate degree.

Mr. Samosky and Dr. Lucas discussed the developing partnership with California University of Pennsylvania in the area of math, science, engineering and agriculture based programs. Students could earn college credits while in high school by participating in the College in the High School classes. California UP faculty and students could provide mentoring, tutoring and instruction to TASD students.

Mr. Samosky referred to Mrs. Jeanette Hartley's development of a science based ecological summer camp and Mr. Todd Crissman's request to offer Fab Lab options to TASD students in a summer camp as well. Finally, Mr. Samosky discussed the impact Southwest Training Services has had in providing funding and support for Trinity students in the new and expanding initiatives.

Mr. Samosky discussed the staff commitment to the NMSI initiatives and how the numbers of students has increased in the AP classes.

Mrs. Sirianni discussed the new furniture and non-traditional structure of her classroom environment and how it has positively impacted instruction and student learning behaviors.

5. Public Comment – Mr. Daniel Eates commented on the appropriateness of these programs and their application to post-secondary education and vocational endeavors.
6. New Business – Dr. Lucas echoed Mr. Samosky’s reference to the TASD, specifically the THS Teaching staff going the extra distance to develop and implement these programs quickly and with fidelity.
7. Adjournment – 5:57 PM

Chairperson: Mrs. Jennifer Morgan

Attending: Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Eates, Mr. Rudman, Mrs. Caleffe, Dr. Lucas, Mr. Samsoky, Mr. Snoke, Mr. Eates, Mrs. Sirianni, Mr. Phillips, Mrs. Schreibeis and Mrs. Bockstoce