

NORTH PENN SCHOOL DISTRICT

EDUCATION/COMMUNITY/POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

September 11, 2017

6:30 pm

MINUTES

Members Present: J. Charnock, T. Prykowski

Others Present: D. Holben, R. Earley, J. Rufo, K. Landis, T. Butz

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes – August 14, 2017

1. Approved

III. Topics Recommended for Action

A. Board Policy 5146.1 – Administration of Naloxone

The committee reviewed new Board Policy #5146.1 – Administration of Naloxone. Naloxone is a medication that has been successfully used to counteract the potentially fatal risks caused by opioid drugs. Due to statewide concerns about opioid abuse, school districts are encouraged by the PA Departments of Education, Health, and Drug & Alcohol Programs to establish a naloxone program. To implement a program, districts must obtain a standing order from their Medical Director/Physician, adopt a Board Policy specific to naloxone administration, and train responsible personnel, including nurses, on the indications of an opioid overdose as well as how to administer the medication naloxone. The committee discussed that consideration of other staff besides nurses, such as security personnel, receive training as well. After approval of this Board Policy the district will be able to move ahead with the implementation of this program.

IV. Topics for Information/Discussion

A. Curriculum Update – ELA Update

The committee also received a curriculum update regarding the English Language Development [or ELD] program and English Language Arts. Children are tested for inclusion in the ELD program when more than one language is spoken in the home. This year, the ELD student population in the district has increased to 632 students as a result of new enrollments and stricter criteria from PDE for exiting the program. To support these students and their families, the district offers programs throughout the year. Examples of these programs include an ELD Summer Program and an ELD Family Night.

In secondary English, a new literature anthology was adopted for the 2017-18 school year. While there are class sets of textbooks plus extra books for students to borrow, an online license was purchased for each student. This enables students to access these resources using their Chromebooks. For students in grades 3-8, the English Language Arts PSSA tests will change this year to reduce the testing time

from 4 sessions to 3 sessions. Despite these changes, the curriculum frameworks in the district will remain as they are currently.

B. Online Assessment & Data Management Software Process

The committee was apprised of the work being done to identify an online assessment & data management system to replace the software currently used in the district. New software will streamline assessment scoring and provide more robust tools for analyzing student achievement. After Board approval, the timeline will entail a three-month implementation period, a pilot in Spring 2018, and complete conversion for the 2018-19 school year.

V. Student Travel

None

VI. Student Representative Update

Students are continuing to learn about and transition to using Chrome Books.

VII. Other Business

VIII. Public Comment Summary

IX. Summary of Items Recommended for Work Session/Action Meetings

X. Next Meeting

October 16, 2017

XI. Adjournment

Meeting ended at approximately 7:45p.m.