

NORTH PENN SCHOOL DISTRICT

**EDUCATION/COMMUNITY/POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**October 16, 2017**

**6:30 pm**

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** J. Charnock, T. Prykowski

**Others Present:** D. Holben, P. Yadav, P. Brett, T. Butz, N. Fenstermaker, R. Gillmer, C. Liberaski, D. McKay, N. Yetter

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes – September 11, 2017

1. Deferred to November 13, 2017 meeting due to lack of quorum for approval.

III. Topics Recommended for Action

A. Board Policy #5114 – Suspension and Expulsion

Board Policy #5144 – Discipline and Punishment

Board Policy #5152 – Weapons on School Property

Three Board policies which have been reviewed and revised were presented. The Board policies are Board Policy #5114 – Suspension and Expulsion, Board Policy #5144 – Discipline and Punishment, and Board Policy #5152 – Weapons on School Property. Policy #5114 was rewritten to be updated and reflective of the language in the PA School Code. In Policy #5144, language was updated and a paragraph relative to students with disabilities was added. Only minor verbiage updates were made to Policy #5152.

IV. Topics for Information/Discussion

A. Website Compliance Update

Information about the district's efforts to ensure website compliance was shared. Federal law requires that any entity receiving federal funding must provide equal opportunity and access to everyone, including on websites. International standards for the internet are applied to determine a website's accessibility to all, including the visually impaired, hearing impaired, and physically impaired. To achieve this goal, the district's website was redesigned, a disclaimer was added, staff are being trained, and teacher websites are being gradually transitioned to the Google platform.

B. Curriculum Update – Elementary Math Curriculum

An update on the elementary math program was also provided. Several strategies to improve instruction and student performance are being pursued

including curriculum review, professional development, district wide professional learning communities, and curriculum walkthroughs.

C. High School Career & College Readiness/College Application Process/ Naviance  
An update regarding the high school College & Career Center and the Naviance software tool was also shared at the meeting. Naviance enhances the ability of the high school Guidance staff to assist students with preparations for college and other post graduate opportunities. As a result, more students and parents are utilizing the services of the College & Career Center. This system is also being piloted in grades 7 through 9 this year.

D. Recommendation for Digital Assessment & Analytics Software  
At the request of the committee, the status of the process for identifying an Academic Data Management and Digital Assessment Software provider was shared. After identifying two finalists, checking references and conducting site visits, a selection has been made. Recommendation for the approval of this contract is expected to be put forth in November. The cost of the software is already included in the budget for 2017-18.

V. Student Travel

Several student travel items were reviewed.

VI. Student Representative Update

Homecoming was a tremendous success with a sold out stadium. Across all areas there is a resurgence in school spirit at the high school largely due to the efforts of the Student Government working to promote that.

VII. Other Business

VIII. Public Comment Summary

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

Board Policy #5114 – Suspension and Expulsion, Board Policy #5144 – Discipline and Punishment, and Board Policy #5152 – Weapons on School Property as well as Student Travel were forwarded to the full Board for action.

X. Next Meeting

October 16, 2017

XI. Adjournment

Meeting ended at approximately 8:00 p.m.