

BUTLER DISTRICT 53: Education Committee

Group Purpose: The purpose of the Education Committee is to ensure a high quality education for all Butler 53 students.

Date: December 4, 2018

Location: Butler Junior High

Time: 4PM

Present: Mrs. Wozny, Ms. Owen, Mrs. Bieslein, Mrs. Greco, Ms. Beg, Dr. Wennstrom, Ms. Read, Mrs. Prochaska, Ms. Prola, Dr. Prosen, Mrs. Huber, Mrs. Conway, Dr. Atluri, Mrs. Weselak, Mrs. Weselak

Housekeeping (added 12/4): Items requested at the November DLT meeting:

[Personalized learning tools currently utilized by the district](#)
[Classroom presentation system teacher feedback](#)

Agenda Item	Details	Notes
Old Business: Teacher Evaluation - Committee Discussion	Nov. 26 meeting was rescheduled to 12/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Will update in January ● Invitation was sent to all district staff to attend - We want a committee with a variety of experience
New Business: STEM to STEAM - Mrs. Bieselin		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Deferred to the next Education Committee Meeting
New Business: <u>BJH Electives/Fine Arts & Band/Choir/Electives-</u> Ms. Read		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mrs. Bieselin requested Ms. Read compile the information linked here ● Question raised by Mrs. Bieselin: Why isn't choir offered during the school day as an elective? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Answer: shared staff and schedule constraints ● Mrs. Huber suggested a future blend of mandatory electives and student chosen electives for 6-8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Read: if changes are going to be made, we need to be mindful of the fact that the FY20 master schedule needs to be completed by end of Jan ● Dr. Wennstrom: Is there a need for summer programming? ● Mrs. Conway: What are the music

		<p>offerings? Mrs. Conway pointed out the contrast between fine art offerings at the elementary school v. junior high</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mrs. Biesel: Would it be worth exploring foreign language at Brook Forest? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This important matter was deferred to the next Education Committee meeting ● More input, BOE directive, or committee decisions (time sensitive) Staffing and budgetary needs by January ● Will this be phased in over time? Survey? Who gets surveyed? ● Next steps: Meeting, cost analysis with any type of shift to mandatory electives, staffing issues, contractual issues? ● Follow previous curriculum recommendation and adoption processes?
<p>Parking Lot Topics (revised 12/3):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. 7th Grade Philadelphia Trip - Mrs. Huber B. MTSS Update - Ms. Prola C. Education Committee Communication to Community - Mrs. Wozny 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Move this item to the next agenda B. Move this item to the next agenda C. Teacher concerns were raised regarding the inappropriateness of receiving of anonymous emails and emails pertaining to individual student situations that could be received by the email account associated with this committee, for which there is a clear chain of command in place [Dr. Wennstrom provided copies of relevant chain of command policies at this time] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Ms. Biesel stressed that the committee would stay focused on emails with merit and larger education topics b. Discussion had regarding the email address that has been created for this committee - Who has access to this account? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Currently, Ms. Biesel and Dr. Beatty have access to this

		account, but a suggestion was raised to make the account available as read only to permanent committee members. Dr. Wennstrom indicated she would follow up with team tech on this matter.
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