

Trinity Area School District
Minutes of the
Education Committee Meeting
October 6, 2010 - 10:00 a.m.
Board Room - Trinity Hall

Members of the Committee: Tamara Salvatori, Chairperson; John Keisling; Dennis McWreath; Dorothy Tecklenburg; Joann Standish

Committee members present: Tamara Salvatori; Dennis McWreath; Dorothy Tecklenburg; Joann Standish

Absent: John Keisling

Others present: Paul Kasunich, Superintendent; Judy Walz, recording secretary

Community members present: Lori Day, Brenda Williamson, Mike Williamson, Ken Bonnell

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Mrs. Salvatori.

Public Comment

Brenda Williamson, South Strabane Township, commented on staff and class sizes in the elementary buildings.

Joanne Standish, Amwell Township, discussed the use of W & J students as support before or after school.

Lori Day, South Strabane Township, commented on class size and the number of adults in Kindergarten classes

Dr. Kasunich reviewed the progress of the Operational Plan. He noted how the four initiatives, *Implementation of Student Data Software, Introduction to Formal Inclusion Model, Increase Academic Rigor of all Students, and the Integration of Technology Tools into Instructional Model* are being implemented.

Discussion was held regarding the number of nurses employed by the district and what was required by law.

Dr. Kasunich reported that Mary Jo Podgurski and Heather Watson would give a presentation at the next Board meeting, October 21, on the OLWEUS Bullying Prevention Program.

Mr. McWreath discussed the impact of full day Kindergarten on first and second graders and requested data to support the continuation of full day Kindergarten. Discussion was held regarding changing the cut off date for Kindergarten enrollment as well as teacher turnover in Kindergarten classrooms.

Dr. Kasunich reported that he would be visiting Beattie Tech the week of October 25 to view their Mandarin Chinese video conferencing program. He invited any interested committee member to join him.

Dr. Kasunich indicated that guidance counselors would be more involved in assisting students with scheduling to alleviate conflicts in grades 9-12.

He reported that OnHands Schools technology would be used to identify and analyze weak areas of PSSA Math scores and noted that offering two periods weekly of Physical Education classes in grades 1-5 and 9-12 is a staffing issue.

New Business

Dr. Kasunich noted that he had met with W & J administration to discuss the use of student interns in order to offer additional support to students in all of the elementary schools.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.