

**Hempfield School District**  
**Education and Programs Committee Meeting Notes**

**Committee Purpose**

*The Committee provides the School Board with a high-level overview of the educational and extra-curricular programming of the district; acts as a sounding board for various potential changes in programming, while providing a conduit of communication and recommendations back to the full School Board.*

**Committee Leadership**

*Linda Johnston, School Board Committee Chair  
Jim Maurer, School Board Committee Vice-Chair*

**Date:** April 23, 2020

**Time:** 4:30-6:00 PM

**Location:** Virtual Meeting

**Present** – Tab Musser, Maria Hoover, Mike Donato, Dylan Bard, Mike Graham, Charles Merris, Linda Johnston, Pam Mitchell, Grant Keener, Adam Aloisi

**Discussion**

**I. Update on Teaching and Learning**

- a. Discussed Elementary and Secondary planned instruction.
- b. Time limits on online/offline work from a previous presentation was shown to outline suggested timeframes per grade level.
- c. A clarification of the purpose of Odysseyware/Spark/Edgenuity is one aspect of the learning experience, and not a third-party teacher.
- d. Teachers will continue to connect with students using Schoology as the main source of communication.
- e. Google Meet does not allow for the teacher to record while teaching without having students in the frame, so the Technology Department is working on giving teachers tools to record their meetings.
- f. Focus remains on asynchronous instruction so that students can access the learning when it works for themselves and their families.

**II. Report Card Update K-3**

- a. An update was given on report card revision work. Report cards in grades Kindergarten, first, second, and third grade is are being revised to align to PA Standards. Work will continue in the revision process at these grade levels.

### **III. Title 1 Overview**

- a. Pam Mitchell, Supervisor of English Language Arts K-6 presented an overview of the Title 1 Program. This included:
  - i. Federal funding, structure, and delivery of services for elementary students.
  - ii. Qualifications for students to receive Title 1 reading support
  - iii. Schools that qualify (Mountville, Farmdale, East Petersburg, and Rohrerstown)
  - iv. She discussed the stepping stones for Learning to Read, and those aspects of reading that our Reading Specialists focus on with their groups of students.

### **IV. Activity Fee Discussion**

- a. This was a continued discussion on whether to suspend student activity fees.
- b. The Board supported the suspension of activity fees for the 2020-2021 school year, with continued discussion moving forward.
- c. The District is working on a reimbursement plan for the Spring sports (2019-2020) that wasn't completed.