

Hempfield School District

Education and Programs Committee Meeting Minutes

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: September 24, 2020

Time: 4:30-6:00 PM

Location: HHS PAC

Minutes

Residence Request to Address the Board

The following resident stated their name and address, asked questions and offered comments regarding the Middle School Credit for Algebra 1 and World Language, and Edgenuity.

- Tammy Jacobs

I. Title IX Update – Tab Musser

- a) We reviewed policies 103 and 104.
- b) There were two areas of concern: need for a hearing and evidence standard.
- c) We can highlight any other areas that need clarification in the board news.
- d) Additional conversation may occur at the first October Board meeting.

II. Assessment Updates – Kathy Deisley

- a) Kathy Deisley, Supervisor of Secondary Curriculum shared her “Assessment in Virtual Times” presentation provided to staff on September 18th early dismissal.
- b) Steps:
 - i. Evaluate summative assessments.
 - ii. Revise existing assessments as needed.
 - iii. Create new assessments. You may find through this process that you create a more authentic and meaningful assessment than you had in the past.
- c) Shift to 50/50 split summative/formative. Previously 70/30 for secondary and 60/40 for elementary.

- d) A discussion occurred around academic honesty, test security along with handling accommodations.
- e) Additional assessment revision time will be allocated on the September 28th in-service-day for continued collaboration. There is also considerable department time scheduled for professional development this school year.
- f) As we are thinking about these assessments, we will be talking about equity, diversion and inclusion.
- g) Jason Hoffman, Supervisor of Elementary Curriculum, will be on board with us on October 12th.

III. Haven: Brendan Cregan

In the interest of time, this topic was deferred to the October 6th board meeting.

IV. Virtual Learning Expectations – Tab Musser

- a) We reviewed the handout shared with students, staff and parents/guardians. This will help with clear expectations. As things shift, we will update the document.
- b) On September 23rd, we sent two emails about switching to in person learning: one for HAVEN elementary learners and another to existing virtual learners. The goal is to know who is opting to come back before the next quarter/trimester. The deadline to complete the two forms is September 29th. We have a limited number of days for planning at the building level.

V. Middle School Credit for Algebra 1 and World Language – Tab Musser

- a) Middle School students who complete Algebra 1 B will receive a credit, however that credit will not count toward the student's high school GPA. The same is true with the full year World Language courses.
- b) We are working on how to best represent this on the transcript.
- c) There will be a brief presentation at the upcoming school board meeting.