

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

Maria Hoover, Tab Musser,
Linda Johnston, School Board Committee Chair
Jim Maurer, School Board Committee Vice-Chair

Date: October 29, 2020

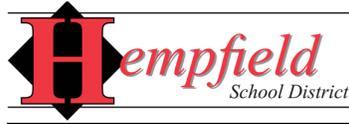
Time: 4:30-6:00 PM

Location: HHS PAC

Minutes

- I. Musical/Dance Theater Production 2020 – Mr. Ramos**
 - a) The performance would be a combined musical/dance theater production.
 - b) Modified script appropriate for high school audiences.
 - c) We discussed “art censorship” and why it is important.
 - d) The performance would span over two weekends – the last weekend in April and first weekend in May. It will be live streamed but not recorded.
 - e) Covid protocol was discussed.
 - f) Next step - approval from the board in December. And if approved, auditions start in January.
 - g) Plan B consists of a musical without a plot/drama, just dance and sounds.

- II. Winter Sports Season – Dr. Steve Polonus**
 - a) Shared general information for the 2020-21 athletic season.
 - b) Reviewed Governor Wolf’s updated spectator guidelines.
 - c) Reviewed health and safety plan considerations. We develop our plans around the PIAA guidelines.
 - d) 3rd party vendor rules/responsibilities.



III. Curriculum Update - Kathy Deisley/Jason Hoffman

- a) Kathy – Reviewed the recent professional development 10/23 in-service day details.
- Teachers attended a session presented by guest speaker Gregg Goodhart on how cognitive science is related to education.
 - Additionally, staff members met by departments to continue collaborating on curriculum, assessment, and instruction for virtual and in-person learners.
 - Teachers ended the day with a video and reflection on how we can better understand equity, diversity, and inclusion and its impact in our classrooms.
 - After reviewing the 200 evaluations, the overall tone of the day was staff is wanting more time to collaborate with their department. They were also happy to hear from colleagues on equity, diversity and inclusion.
- b) Jason Hoffman
- Recently visited all 7 elementary buildings.
 - Currently scheduling meetings with principals to discuss strengths/needs.
 - Between now and the holidays, he will interact with teachers and students throughout each elementary building.
 - The big project this year is to review elementary math curriculum.

Future Meeting Date: November 19, 2020