

**CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**  
**TUESDAY, February 21, 2017**  
**GAUNTLETT CENTER BOARD ROOM**

**PRESENT:**            **Committee:** Mrs. Barbara Harvey, Ms. Stavroula Kotrotsios, Mr. Matt Bilker  
  
                          **Board:** Ms. Kathryn Chandless, Mr. Matt DeNucci  
  
                          **Administration:** Dr. Constance Bompadre, Dr. Carol Carey, Mr. Chris Lee, Dr. Greg Puckett

**I. Call to Order**

Mr. Bilker called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Bilker led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

The January, 2017 minutes were approved by the committee.

**IV. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as presented.

**V. Discussion/Informational Items**

**A. Class Rank – *Dr. Gregory Puckett***

Dr. Puckett and Marple Newtown High School conducted a study about the class rank system. Currently, class rank is computed and each student is assigned a numerical value according to the student's grades and weighted grade point average (GPA). Students who take higher level classes and perform well in those classes have a higher GPA, therefore a higher rank. The current GPA system is out of 100 points. Students can exceed 100 GPA points by taking AP and Honors courses.

Dr. Puckett proposes changes starting with the class of 2021 (incoming freshmen). Students would no longer receive a numerical value that correlate to a class rank. Students would still receive a weighted and unweighted GPA. Dr. Puckett would like to change the GPA system from a 100 point scale to a 4.3 scale. Dr. Puckett checked with 8 schools in the area and discovered that no one does GPA the same way. Schools with a 2 weight system do not distinguish a different weight for Advanced Placement courses and Honors courses. Students receive the same weight for both. The distinction is between College Prep courses and AP/Honors. Schools with a 3 weight system do distinguish between Advanced Placement and

Honors courses. Students receive a different weight for AP, Honors, and College Prep courses. Marple Newtown High School courses utilize a 3 weight system.

Dr. Puckett would also like to change the grading scale to a 10 point scale. Students who earn a numerical value at Marple Newtown High School have a lower GPA than students who earn the same score at a high school using a 10 point scale. For example, an AP student who earns a 91% at MNHS receives a B+ and a weighted GPA reflective of a B+; whereas a student at a school with a 10 point scale earns a 91% receives an A- and a weighted GPA reflective of an A-.

**B. Elementary Pilot: Edmentum's Individualized Learning Solution – Dr. Constance Bompadre**

Dr. Bompadre shared a PowerPoint with the committee regarding a Pilot Program for Edmentum's Individualized Learning Solution. ILS is a skill-based program. ILS allows teachers to focus on individualized learning because learning does not progress at the same rate for every student. ILS has the ability to meet those learning needs for every student. Currently, on Worrall is using Study Island in grades 2-5, which is an Edmentum product. We will decide which program best meets our needs.

The pilot would run from now through the end of the school year as follows:

C – grade 4 Math  
L – grade 3 Math  
R- grade 5 Math  
W- grade 1 Language Arts, grade 4 Language Arts

**C. District Network Core – Mr. Christopher Lee**

Mr. Lee explained to the committee that the current piece of equipment is at the end of service, sale, and support. The network core is 10 years old. Money to pay for the equipment is in the budget. The cost is \$75,823.57. He would like to install over the Spring Break.

**VI. Motions**

The following motions have been moved along to the full Board.

**Policies:**

**A. Motion to approve the second readings of Policy #251, Homeless Students, and Policy #823, Naloxone.**

**Student Trips:**

- B. Motion to approve Jill Gill, teacher, and Cecile Matthews, teacher, to accompany 18 MNHS Bocce Club students to attend the PIAA IUS Indoor Bocce State Championship, Special Olympics in Hershey, PA on March 24, 2017. The total cost to the district is \$551.70.**
- C. Motion to approve Helene White, teacher, to accompany 23 MNHS students to travel to the Walt Whitman House in Camden, NJ on June 1, 2017. The cost per student is \$13.00 paid by the students. There is no cost to the district.**

**Technology:**

- D. Motion to approve the disposal of a laminator from Worrall Elementary School.**
- E. Motion to approve the purchase and replacement of the district's network core router at a cost of \$75,823.57. The vendor is Integra One, 7248 Tilghman Street, Suite 120, Allentown, PA 18106. COSTART contract 003-085.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Paine