



Warwick School District

Committee of the Whole

March 1, 2016

Board Room

7:00 p.m.

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Members Present: Michael Landis, Leslie Penkunas, Scott Shaub, Millard Eppig, Timothy Quinn, Debra Wenger, Nelson Peters, Robin Felty, Ben Sahd, Todd Rucci, April Hershey, Nate Wertsch, Abigael Weit

Guests: Laurie Knowles, Mark Leidich, Lori Zimmerman

1. Future City Presentation
Warwick Middle School Students

Fourteen Warwick Middle School students presented Maracaibo, the 2016 Future City project. Mr. Mike Smith accompanied the group as the advisor of the Future City program. This team participated in the Future City competition and placed 11th in the nation. The team's thorough research, attention to detail and hard work were evident in their presentation. Kudos to the Warwick Middle School Future City Team!

2. Warwick Virtual Academy (WVA)/Alt. Ed Presentation
Mrs. Kristina Szobocsan and Mr. Scott Kyper


Mrs. Kristina Szobocsan provided a 4 year overview of the Warwick Virtual Academy (WVA) and Warwick Alternative Learning Center (WALC) programs and their successes. WVA is based on the Community of Inquiry Framework. This program was designed for our middle school and high school students. The WALC program includes community service projects. Current enrollment in the WVA is sixty-one students. Eleven students are currently enrolled in the WALC program. One hundred, sixty-eight students have taken advanced credit and credit recovery courses online. Two students shared their personal experiences in the program, the benefits of the flexibility in the structure of the programs contributing to their current success and bright futures. The students' hard work and accomplishments were inspiring.

Mr. Kyper spoke about the strong relationships and tailored programs he has been able to develop with students through this program. He shared the hope and impact these programs have made on the lives of our students and their families. This program offers extensions into the community which allows everyone to benefit as active members of the community.

3. Review of Policy No. 916 – Volunteers
A review of Policy No. 916 was provided.

4. Other Relevant Items

The committee adjourned at 7:42 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lisa Bonfield". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Lisa Bonfield



Warwick School District
Building and Property Committee

March 14, 2016

Conference Room A

6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

No meeting was held.

Warwick School District

Education Committee



March 14, 2016

Board Room

6:00 p.m.

Attendance: Ms. Sarah Bromirski, Ms. Jean Johns, Ms. Melanie Calender, Dr. Robin Felty, Ms. Deb Wenger, Ms. Leslie Penkunas, Miss Abigail Weit, Ms. Lisa Miller, Dr. Jennifer Shettel, Ms. Lorie Sedlmyer, Ms. Lisa Gleason, Ms. Jill Lutz
Absent: Ms. Maria Navea Mitchell

1. Welcome – *Mrs. Deb Wenger*

Comments on agenda items

- Welcome to our newest committee member, Jill Lutz

2. Student Representative Report – *Ms. Abigail Weit*

See attachment

3. K-6 Report Card Clarification – *Mrs. Melanie Calender*

- Parent visitors offered comments.
- Melanie thanked the parents that shared comments. Parents will be included in the process once the process is further along.

4. New High School Course Proposal Approval – Yearbook Course – *Mrs. Erika Rhodside*

Erika Rhodside presented.

- Course overview was provided
- Year-long course on alternating days is proposed
- .5 credit/new elective
- Committee members shared thoughts and ideas re: full-year course with alternating days

5. Full Day Kindergarten Updates – *Mrs. Melanie Calender*

Mrs. Brill & Mrs. Rothermel presented.

- 72% of parents were interested in the full day program last year.
- Original proposal review provided
- Updates were provided where there were differences from the original proposal
 - Selection of full-day k students
 - Schedule changes in recess and interventions
 - GRADE given January & in June
- Data reviewed for multiple items: attendance, DIBELS, Pre-DDS, Language Arts Assessments, Math Assessments, Writing Samples, Behavioral Data, Teacher Survey, Parent Survey, Teacher Observations, Characteristics of Successful Learners

Next Meeting: April 11, 2016

- Proposal – based on the Kindergarten pilot data, the kindergarten committee recommends that the board move forward with recommendation for full-day kindergarten for the 2016-17 school year (with waiver option).
 - Parent questions/comments were offered.
6. Other Items for Discussion?
- June 13 graduation date – the School Board to vote on this date during March 15 meeting.
7. Comments (time permitting)
- Additional parent questions about the elementary report card

Respectfully submitted,

Stacie E. Bardell

Attachment - Education Committee Student Representative Report

March Report

Kissel Hill Elementary- As Kissel Hill wrapped up February, Mrs. Korzi (KHE Librarian) and the PTO sponsored the spring semester book fair. The event took place over two days in the evening as well as during one full cycle during the school day. Through the hard work of Mrs. Korzi, and the generosity of the PTO, the school was able to offer free books to many of their children across all grade levels. The month of March opened with grade level meetings and an extended faculty meeting digging deeper into the topic of differentiation. This concept, while not new, is a critical element of high quality instruction. In short, differentiation focuses on working backwards from a common understanding and developing unique learning paths of enrichment, core instruction, and remediation that are tailored to the needs of individuals and cohorts.

John Beck Elementary- Their students enjoyed the opportunity to learn all about Chemistry through the Franklin Institute assembly sponsored by the John Beck PTO. Student Wellness has also been promoted by Kids Move, a Family Skating Party, and P.A.C.K. Week (Pack Assorted Colors for Kids) which encourages students to eat healthy foods of given colors each day. Their students also appreciated the hard work of the volunteers who presented Art Goes to School. Students learned about the various artists, their styles, and pieces of artwork.

The **High School** is preparing for the rest of the year's events including THON, Prom Promise, a possible Lip-Dub, Keystones, Final Exams, and Graduation. Details will be sent to families this month.

Bonfield- Dr. Seuss's birthday was celebrated along with many other activities during Read Across America week (Feb. 29th – March 4). They kicked off the week by voting for their favorite Dr. Seuss book, and the children made bookmarks, which were then used in a daily drawing for books as prizes. The celebration continued with children's literature trivia games, guest readers in the classrooms, and a classroom door decorating contest with their favorite book as the theme. The final day of the week was marked by staff and students dressing as their favorite storybook character. Brush, Brush, Smile education was shared with grades K-2 (totaling 239 students) on March 2. Kindergarten registration for incoming Bonfield students was held on March 3, wherein 55 students were registered for next school year. Staff and students enjoyed the Switch Places Spirit Day on March 11. They thought it was fun for everyone to dress as each other for one day.

Lititz Elementary- For the past two months the students, staff, and parents participated in reading James and the Giant Peach as part of the One School, One Book event. The school kicked it off with a Family Feud themed assembly that also incorporated the character traits for the month. In addition, there were character dress up days, a penny war to raise money for a local charity, and a random act of kindness recognition. In addition, the students at Lititz Elementary School got to enjoy all of the information shared from the volunteers who brought artwork and their knowledge from Art Goes To School. A special thanks for these individuals to volunteer their time and talents to our students! Miss Shreiner organized a successful Jump Rope For Heart activity that raised a little over \$9,000.00 for the American Heart Association. The staff at Lititz Elementary has been focusing on differentiation strategies in preparation for their upcoming inservice and in addition, the staff visited their evacuation site.



Warwick School District
Finance and Legal Committee

March 1, 2016

Conference Room A

6:00 p.m.

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No meeting was held.

**Warwick School District
Student Activities Committee**



March 10, 2016

Board Room

6:00 p.m.

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No meeting was held.

Next Meeting: November 12, 2015