

Program, Policy, and Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2014
Main Office Large Conference Room
5:15 pm

Present: Dr. Bill Foster, Mrs. Betty Huf, and Mrs. Kathryn Strouse
Others: Joseph Jagelka and Mr. Charles Kleinschmidt

- Personnel: The PPP Committee members reviewed the personnel matters on the April Executive Council agenda and recommended submitting them to the Executive Council for approval. The items on the agenda included approval of new hires, FMLA, a short term substitute and additional substitute staff.
- Revised Board Policy No. 815 Acceptable Use of Electronic Resources: The Director reviewed the recommended revisions to the Acceptable Use of Electronic Resources policy. The committee supports moving the policy forward for consideration by the Executive Council.
- Middle Bucks 2014-2015 Proposed School Calendar: The Director distributed the Middle Bucks proposed calendar for 2014-2015. In an effort to reduce the number of conflict days among the sending districts, Middle Bucks created their calendar first then provided it to the sending districts to use as a guide. This process did help to reduce the number of conflict days. The committee supports moving the 2014-2015 calendar forward for consideration by the Executive Council.
- Sport Therapy and Exercise Science program: The Director provided an overview of a new high priority occupation program called Sports Therapy and Exercise Science. The program prepares students for a number of technical fields related to kinesiology including physical therapist, physical therapy assistant, athletic trainer, occupational therapist, physical education teacher or fitness trainer. The Director is requesting permission to explore developing the program for implementation during the 2015-2016 school year. The committee supports further exploration of this new program and consideration by the Executive Council.
- Multimedia Technology Competition: The Director explained that seven students from the Multimedia program entered a national film competition called the 10-Day Film Challenge and qualifies to move on to the finals. They are invited to travel to the United Artist Theatre in Philadelphia on April 8th to view all of the films and learn if they have won the competition. Since the students just learned about their competition status last week, the Executive Council will be asked to ratify this field trip request at their meeting on April 14, 2014. The committee supports the Multimedia Technology students attending the competition.

- Out of District Student: The Director shared that a family residing in the Pennsbury School District had contacted the Guidance Counselor about sending their son to Middle Bucks rather than their assigned career and technical center. According to the Pennsylvania Department of Education, if a student attends a district that does participate in a CTC, the student must attend the CTC in which the district participates. Only if the Executive Council was to send a student to another CTC, which accepted the student, could a student attend a CTC different from the one in which his or her district is a participating member. The family has been told at this time that the Executive Councils would need to approve the student attending Middle Bucks before the student could be accepted for enrollment.
- HOSA – Parent Concern: The Director reviewed a parent’s concerns regarding her daughter’s experience as a HOSA Officer candidate at the state conference in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The parent met with the Director and Assistant Director on two occasions to resolve the concerns. The Director advised the parent that if she was not satisfied with the outcome that the next step in the complaint process would be for the parent to attend the PPP meeting on April 1, 2014 at 5:15PM.
- Local Advisory Committee – Executive Council Representative: The Director explained that according to the Middle Bucks AVTS Articles of Agreement, a member of the Executive Council is to serve on the Local Advisory Committee. The Executive Council will need to appoint a representative to fill the vacancy created by Mrs. Heenan. The Director will speak to Mr. Gamble to see if he would be interested in serving in this capacity.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the PPP Committee is May 6, 2014 at 5:15PM.