

**Orange Board of Education  
Curriculum and Technology Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes**

**November 27, 2017**

**Present: Superintendent Vince Scarpetti, Dr. Evelyn Russo, Matt Ullring, Kim Browe, Ken Ziman, and Betty Hadlock**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

**2. Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

**3. Technology Update**

Matt Ullring informed the committee that

- the wireless project is complete. The combination of the updated band width has allowed for faster wireless service and the new Aruba access points allow for more users on the wireless network.
- PowerSchool is updating their service and switching over to Power Teacher Pro. The IT Department is pleased about change because it involves a more efficient web-based platform, and they are preparing now to implement the change in the next school year.
- he has received positive feedback about the electronic report cards.
- he is also rolling out Microsoft 365 which includes OneDrive.
- he has been meeting with Superintendent Scarpetti to develop a long-term technology plan.

**4. Standards Based Grading/Reporting**

The district is prioritizing standards for each grade level and aligning standards with assessments so that teachers and parents have a clear picture of each student's learning through the report cards.

**5. Curriculum Feedback**

The district had an outside audit of the district's curriculum development progress. The feedback was positive, and the district now has an understanding of the criteria and the capacity to internally evaluate progress.

**6. Professional Learning Feedback (PDEC)**

The Professional Development and Evaluation Committee said that the current professional development program is the best professional learning that they have ever had. The committee did report on behalf of their peers that the teachers will benefit from improved communication. Dr. Russo and Dr. Scarpetti are committed to working on clarity and good communication because they are aware that these changes are significant and could be overwhelming.

**7. Curriculum Folder**

The professional learning / curriculum development resources are contained in a central online location for teachers to access.

**8. Homework**

Dr. Russo and Dr. Scarpetti recognize a need to update the homework policy. They feel that the best policy will naturally follow the completed professional learning / curriculum development initiatives and that it will be about another year before those stages are completed.

**9. Staffing \***

The committee invited Dr. Scarpetti and Dr. Russo into executive session. Mrs. Hadlock made the motion, and Mr. Ziman seconded the motion. All approved.

The committee went into executive session at 8:17pm. The committee came out of executive session at 8:43pm. Mrs. Hadlock made the motion, and Mr. Ziman seconded the motion. All approved.

Dr. Scarpetti will propose staffing additions to the full board at the December board meeting. These additional staff members are necessary to meet student needs.

**10. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 8:44pm.