

**Orange Board of Education
Curriculum/Instruction & Technology Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes
March 26, 2018**

Present: Superintendent Vince Scarpetti, Dr. Evelyn Russo, Bill Kraut, Ken Ziman, Kim Browe, Betty Hadlock, Christian Young, Charles Flynn, and Matt Ullring

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm.

2. Public Participation

There was no public participation.

3. Discussion – Accountability Report

Dr. Russo reviewed three slides of the accountability report. The information was consistent with the information she presented at the most recent board meeting. Dr. Russo emphasized that Orange elementary students are on average performing solidly in the desired achievement level, and our students are showing growth.

4. Tuition Based Summer School

Dr. Russo reported that the district sent out information to families about the tuition-based summer school program. Students will receive targeted instruction in reading and math in the four-week program. Class sizes will be small, and costs are reasonable.

5. Ken's Visit – Math Specialists

Ken shared that he went to visit the math specialists to discuss math anxiety. He wants to ensure that the district is making teachers comfortable with math in the hopes that it results in students who are less anxious in math.

6. March 29th Professional Learning

Dr. Russo shared the plans for the professional learning sessions for 3/29/18. She reported that the District Curriculum Teams will meet to work on ELA and math units. In addition, curriculum grade level teams will meet to break down unit plans into lesson plans in both ELA and math and to create benchmark items for math units. Other groups of teachers will meet for process writing sessions and to complete work in preparation for Next Generation Science Standards. There are also focused opportunities for music, PE, art, and world language teachers to focus on professional development related to their disciplines.

7. Technology Updates

Mr. Ullring reported to the committee about the IT's department discussions with two legal firms regarding the districts data privacy to ensure that the district is compliant.

Mr. Ullring also reported that the district website is ADA compliant, meeting the AA rating. He noted that the AAA rating is virtually impossible to reach. Final Site and Site Improvement are the improvement products purchased last year.

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.