



Curriculum/Instruction/Technology Subcommittee Meeting Minutes April 26, 2021

Present: Ken Ziman, Kim Browe, Betty Hadlock, Charles Flynn, Evelyn Russo, and Vince Scarpetti

Not present: Carmen Rodriguez and Bill Kraut

1. Call to order
The meeting was called to order at 5:33pm.
2. Public Participation
There was no public participation.
3. Conclusion of Remote Learning:
Dr. Scarpetti does not anticipate that the district will offer remote learning in the 2021-22 school year although the district will be prepared to if the need arises.
4. The Future of Classroom Cameras
Dr. Scarpetti and Dr. Russo anticipate that cameras will continue to be used in the classroom even if remote learning ends. The technology could be used to connect students and classrooms across the district, and the cameras could also be used to provide instruction as an alternative to snow days. Teachers and students may also find creative ways to use the cameras to enhance instruction and learning.
5. Homework Discussion
The committee had a dialogue about the past conversations in the district regarding homework and about the motivation for revising the homework policy. Dr. Russo shared the research conclusions about homework in elementary school. Dr. Russo would like to see homework assignments involve independent learning that guides students in developing self-motivation, self-regulation, and self-assessment as they become self-navigating learners in reaching unit and the grade level targets.
6. Summer Learning
The district will be sending out a letter to parents of students receiving Tier 1 and Tier 2 interventions to ask about interest in summer school. A decision to offer summer school will be made after assessing interest and determining teacher availability.
7. Adjourn
The meeting adjourned 6:06pm.