



**SOUTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

**Education Committee Meeting  
High School Faculty Room  
August 10, 2015  
5:30 PM**

***Minutes***

- I. OPENING PROCEDURES
  - A. Time - *Call to Order: 5:30 PM*
  - B. *Recording of attendance by the Secretary: K. Lewis, L. Christman, K. Jordan, M. Pyscher, C. Siegfried, T. McLoughlin, B. Hayes, K. Parsons, C. Gunkle (arrived at 5:45), A. Buchman (arrived at 6:05)*
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from May 2015 meeting: Approved
- III. OLD BUSINESS
- IV. NEW BUSINESS/ PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS
  - A. Proposed Field Trips for 2015-2016 – Mr. Ken Jordan presented the field trips at each level.
  - B. Sex Education Curriculum Update – Mr. Ken Jordan and Mrs. Pyscher discussed the possibility of making a change to our curriculum and what recommendations are being made by the CDC and the National School Nurses. “Opt out” options were also discussed so that parents have the right to choose what their student learns.
  - C. GPA/Class Rank – The committee discussed some proposed changes to GPA/Class Rank practices in the district. Discussion regarding what graduation year this will be fully implemented. Starting with the graduating class of 2020 (current eighth graders) there will be no class rank and no option to have it published on the transcript. In cases where a college requires a class rank the students can request that information of the guidance department. Current 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders will continue to have class rank until graduation and current 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders will have the option on their final transcript to have their class rank placed on their transcript. Graduation recognition starting with the current 10<sup>th</sup> graders will be a GPA of 3.75 as Honors and 4.0 or above would be High Honors.
  - D. HS Mini-Thon Partnership – Dr. Leah Christman discussed how Student Council would like to do a “Thon” and as a result there is an agreement with the organization that sponsors the event. Money raised would benefit Hershey Medical Center/Children’s Hospital.
  - E. Chinese teacher to IS Math – Dr. Leah Christman discussed shifting a position to the IS to alleviate some class sizes in Math in 6<sup>th</sup> grade.
  - F. Update on Enrollment– Dr. Leah Christman presented the most recent enrollment numbers.
  - G. Honorary Diplomas – Dr. Leah Christman discussed the idea of giving an honorary diploma to veterans who had their education interrupted due to military service.
- V. VISITORS' COMMENTS: None



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- VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION (ANY TIME IF NEEDED): None Needed
- VII. ADJOURNMENT: 6:30 PM

ATTEST: *Kristen Lewis*, Recorder