



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

**Education Committee Meeting
Central Office Conference Room
8/20/2009
8:00 – 9:00 AM**

MINUTES

I. OPENING PROCEDURES

A. Time- *Call to Order: 8:05 AM*

B. *Recording of attendance by the Secretary*

*Present: Joseph Liberati, Kristen Lewis, Joan Takacs, Leah Christman,
Corrine Gunkle, John Schubert*

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

III. NEW BUSINESS/ PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS

- A. Ecuador Sister Program – As soon as we hear back from Pam Kolega we will be sending out letters to current freshman and sophomores to see who is interested in hosting a student.
- B. PSSA /AYP Results – The district has made AYP in all areas for 2009. Buildings will begin looking at data more closely during the first months of school within data teams.
- C. Model Schools – Success for All Network membership / We Surveys (HS/MS) - Majority of administrators have attended Model Schools conference. We are going to use the surveys as part of our reorganization plan.
- D. Data focus- training for Admin and Math teachers (PVAAS / EdInsight) – trainings for administrators and HS/MS and 2 IS math teachers will occur at the end of September.
- E. Online/Blended Summer School summary – Successful initial implementation. Did not have enough students to do all the courses that we had planned. Both a live and online blend for the course with the online portion being a combination of both synchronous and asynchronous time. 15 Southern Lehigh students and 13 from Catasauqua.
- F. Safety Flip Charts - have been revised for the 2009-10 school year with a new format and procedures.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Status of IS/MS/Elem. changes and readiness for Sept. - Letters

B. Curriculum Development

- 1. Design 21 – Developing and Empowering Students in the Global Network of the 21st Century. Big Idea of the course in all grades is



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“Students need 21st Century Skills to be successful in our changing global community.”

2. Elementary Reading – Curriculum is complete and the focus is on Fluency and Comprehension Visualization in 1st and 2nd grade and PSSA Preparation skills in 3rd grade using KidBiz.
 3. FCS – Final edits are being made to the 7th grade curriculum and work will begin this year on the 8th grade curriculum.
 4. PSSA Strategies/ Study Skills – Reading and Math component offered during mini 2 and 3. Small groups to help students be more successful.
 5. World Languages – Work on the 8th grade Spanish Immersion curriculum is in progress and the 7th grade Spanish Immersion curriculum will be started as soon as the school year starts.
 6. STEM – Equipment has been purchased and the curriculum is in progress.
 7. Health – The curriculum revision is completed for 4th, 5th and 6th grade.
 8. Applied Technology – required course in 7th grade as a 72 day course. Curriculum is almost complete. Looking to change the name of the class.
 9. Dual Enrollment courses – Public Speaking, College Algebra
 10. AP Courses – Psychology
 11. Other Courses – Honors Pre-Calculus, Electronic Piano and Theatre I
- C. Status of Virtual Language Pilot – Books have been received. Numbers were higher than anticipated and interest appears to be high.

V. VISITORS' COMMENTS – no visitors present

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION (ANY TIME IF NEEDED) – none needed

VII. ADJOURNMENT – 9:30 AM