



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

**Education Committee Meeting
High School Faculty Room
May 27, 2014
6:00 PM**

Minutes

I. OPENING PROCEDURES

A. Time - *Call to Order* – 6:05 PM

B. *Recording of attendance by the Secretary*

In attendance: Corinne Gunkle, Kathie Parsons, Bill Hayes, Dr. Thomas McLoughlin, Leah Christman. Visitors: Samuel Hafner.

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II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from April 28, 2014 meeting: Approved

III. OLD BUSINESS

IV. NEW BUSINESS/ PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS

- A. Intermediate School Student/Parent Handbook for 2014-15 revised - The Intermediate School Student/Parent Handbook for 2014 – 15 was reviewed. The handbook was approved with minor changes.
- B. Sean McGinty's Request – Dr. Christman presented a conference request from Mr. McGinty to participate in the Hebei Provincial Chinese summer camp. Dr. Christman supports the experience as Mr. McGinty has identified how the trip will benefit the school district.
- C. Comprehensive Planning – Dr. Christman shared a plan to create a comprehensive planning steering committee including members of the Board Education Committee and other stakeholders. A SWOT questionnaire will be sent via email to all stakeholders to collect data. This data will be compiled and shared with steering committee in order to identify goals for the district for the next three years.
- D. Spanish Immersion Request for class expansion to 31 – Dr. Christman explained the new Family ID software that the athletic department is using for sports registration and sports physical sign-ups. The system will also allow parents to pay to participate fees utilizing their PayPal account.
- E. Family ID & Paypal – The committee had a discussion concerning the Spanish Immersion sign up process and request to expand the class size to 31. There was not consensus among the committee to expand the class size to 31, although the majority felt that this was



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not in the best interest of students or teachers. The issue of Spanish Immersion sign-ups will be sent to the policy committee for further review.

F. Technology Data-1:1 Results – Dr. Christman shared the findings and results of the first two years of the high school 1:1 laptop initiative, offering to provide a short presentation to the Board. The committee suggested that the summary document be shared with board members. The document and additional data is also posted on the high school website. Results from the Clarity survey will be analyzed during the summer and added to the results data.

V. VISITORS' COMMENTS - Spanish immersion mom shared information collected from parents of the Spanish immersion program with their suggestions related to the sign-up process and a suggestion and rationale to expand class size to 31.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION (ANY TIME IF NEEDED)

VII. ADJOURNMENT – 7:00 PM

ATTEST: *Dr. Leah M. Christman, Superintendent,* Recorder