



**Southern Lehigh School District  
Education Committee Minutes  
November 4, 2024**

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November 4, 2024  
Conference Room  
Southern Lehigh Administration Building  
5775 Main Street  
Center Valley, PA 18034  
4:30 pm**

**Education Committee meeting minutes of November 4, 2024 pending approval.**

**1. Opening Procedures**

- a. Call to Order
  - i. Meeting was called to order by Timothy Kearney at: 4:31PM
- b. Recording of Attendance
  - i. Present: Tim Kearney, Eric Boyer (remote by phone at 4:32 pm) Mellisa Torba (remote by phone at 4:53 pm, arrived in person 5:10 pm Dr. Solometo, Dr. Trinkle
  - ii. Absent: None

**2. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- a. [10/7/2024 Education Committee Meeting Minutes](#)
  - i. The meeting minutes of October 7, 2024 were approved.

**3. Updates**

Dr. Karen Trinkle and Dr. Tamara Solometo provided the following presentation to the Education Committee.

- a. [Southern Lehigh Education Committee Updates](#)
- b. **Full Day Kindergarten**
  - i. The following updates were provided regarding the Full Day Kindergarten Feasibility Study: Interviews took place on 10/22 with two firms. Alloy5 was selected and approved at the 10/28/2024 School Board Meeting, pending solicitor review. Contact will be made with Alloy5 to kick off the needs assessment process. Regular updates will be provided.
- c. **Library Renovation**



- i. The following update regarding the High School Library renovation project was provided by Dr. Karen Trinkle noting the following: A meeting will take place on 11/6/24 with Alloy5, members of the steering committee which include both students and staff. More updates will be offered as progress is made.

**d. Comprehensive Plan**

- i. Dr. Karen Trinkle and Dr. Tamara Solometo provided the following update regarding the Comprehensive Plan noting the following: invitations for stakeholder engagement were sent for community participation in all components of the plan. This meeting will take place in late November or early December. Administration is working to complete the necessary components of the plan in preparation for the stakeholder engagement meeting.

**4. Math Curriculum Review: Grades 6(Extended)-12**

- a. Dr. Tamara Solometo provided the following updates regarding the math curriculum review for grades 6 (extended)-12: Curriculum review process mirrored all curricular reviews, the standardized processes utilized. The process began in March 2024 and concluded in September/October 2024. Current resource was reviewed first in March 2024. The K-12 Math philosophy, mission and guiding principles drove the decision making and included a focus on real world applications, clarity of content, increased resources, and digital tools that effectively support instruction.
- b. In the Fall of 2024 the review of all potential vendors that the committee agreed upon took place. Vendor demonstrations were scheduled for three vendors. The committee did include all educators from all grade levels, despite a focus on grades 6-12. All vendors have K-12 (K-5 / 6-12) options: Big Ideas Learning, REVEAL Math, HMH into Math, Amplify Desmos. In October 2024 the second layer of review took place, including best practice, research, and the committee's non-negotiables with a designed rubric.
  - i. **Big Ideas** unanimously recommended:
    - 1. Both resources are high-quality and focus on connecting the math and the student, and the digital component of Big Ideas is easier to navigate.
    - 2. Both the print and digital resources included with Big Ideas are more user friendly
    - 3. Big Ideas includes more visuals and clearer presentation of content, especially important for students with greater learning needs and opportunities for mathematical discourse and strategy building.
- c. Discussed next steps and plan for implementation and professional development.
- d. Motion by Tim Kearney and seconded by Eric Boyer to move forward-unanimous vote to move forward to November 11, 2024 committee

**ADJOURNMENT**



- e. Adjourn
  - i. Meeting was adjourned by Timothy Kearney at: 5:56PM

*Respectfully submitted by Dr. Karen Trinkle, Assistant Superintendent*