



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

**Education Committee Meeting
High School Faculty Room
February 23, 2015
6:00 PM**

Minutes

- I. OPENING PROCEDURES
 - A. Time - *Call to Order: 6:00 PM*
 - B. *Recording of attendance by the Secretary:*
Administration/Staff: C. Siegfried, J. Takacs, A. Buchman, K. Quartuch, K. Lewis, K. Miller
Board Members: K. Parsons, T. McLoughlin, B. Hayes, C. Gunkle
Visitors: Emily Gehman, Alexis Napoli
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from November 2014 meeting: Approved with amendment to note that Kathy Parsons was in attendance.
- III. OLD BUSINESS
- IV. NEW BUSINESS/ PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS
 - A. 2015-2016 Science and English Textbook Adoption – Mrs. Joan Takacs discussed the proposed textbook adoptions to take to the full board.
 1. AP Environmental Science, grades 11 through 12
 2. Mass Media, grades 10 through 12
 - B. STEM Camp – Mrs. Joan Takacs discussed the summer camp for incoming 4th through 9th graders. The camps will run Monday through Friday 9 – 12 for one week in length.
 - C. Academic Signing Day – The committee discussed the letter that was sent to the board regarding instituting an Academic Signing day.
 - D. Letters of Music/Clubs – The committee discussed the request to award varsity letters for music and clubs. In the past band did receive a letter. Mrs. Siegfried will go back and have further discussions with Mr. Bolasky regarding how this could be structured.
 - E. Field Trip Request: Mrs. Takacs and Mrs. Lewis discussed the following field trips.
 1. Ms. Marlo Spritzer will accompany student in Journalism Class to Pennsylvania School Press Association State Journalism Competition in State College, PA on March 6, 2015 - HS [for state finalists only]
 2. SLMS Spartan Chorale & Orchestra Class - attending the Pennsylvania State Capital Building in Harrisburg, PA on March 31, 2015 – HS



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3. Mr. Peter Orr and the 8th Grade Teaching Teams-attending the New Jersey performing Arts Center for taping of America's Got Talent in Newark, NJ on March 3, 2015 – MS
 4. Ms. Sara Hovis, Ms. Lori Downey and Mr. Phil Markley's Second Grade in collaboration with Tech Smarts Class - attending the Philadelphia Zoo on February 23, 2015.
- F. Electronic Report Cards grades 4 through 12 – Mrs. Kristen Lewis discussed implementing this for the 3rd quarter. The committee would like to know if Sapphire has the ability to let us know that someone has accessed the report card before rolling it out. The committee would like them to opt out of being electronic. The committee would like data on the amount of “hits” to sapphire.
- G. 2015 National Blue Ribbon Schools Invitation Letter to Apply –Mrs. Kristen Lewis discussed the nomination and application process.
- H. SLIS Homework Club – Mrs. Kristen Lewis discussed the pilot

V. VISITORS' COMMENTS

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION (ANY TIME IF NEEDED): None needed

VII. ADJOURNMENT: 7:00 PM

ATTEST: Kristen Lewis, Recorder