



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

**Education Committee Meeting  
High School Faculty Lounge Room**

**1/24/2011**

**6:00 PM**

***Minutes***

- I. OPENING PROCEDURES
  - A. Time - *Call to Order* – 6:05 PM
  - B. Recording of attendance by the Secretary.  
In attendance: *Joseph Liberati, Leah Christman, Kristen Lewis, Ken Jordan, Corinne Gunkle, Patti Mohr, Bill Hayes.*  
Visitor: *Karen Przelomski.*
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from November 2010 meeting: Approved
- III. OLD BUSINESS
- IV. NEW BUSINESS/ PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS
  - A. Field Trip Request to Philadelphia, Chinatown – Qingchu Yu, our Chinese Guest Teacher, is planning a trip to Chinatown. It will be open to the students taking Mandarin grades 8-12. The committee supported the trip pending final approval from the Superintendent.
  - B. Weighted Grade Committee - The meeting has been rescheduled for Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> with snow dates being planned for the beginning of February.
  - C. Update on VLN Cyberschool – Parent meeting held last week. Parents of students in grades 6 through 12 who currently have students in cyber charter schools were invited to attend. Due to the fact that it is the middle of the year, there was not a lot of interest in switching but interest was expressed for the upcoming fall.
  - D. Update on Sapphire Transition – On January 6<sup>th</sup> a meeting with representatives from Sapphire occurred to discuss training and next steps for the data transfer from PowerSchool. As of this afternoon approximately 90% of the data has been migrated. Course selection is going to take place within the Sapphire system to help with the building of schedules for the 2011-2012 school year. We are discussing the training plan this week with administrators and intend to use a trainer of trainers model to assist in helping teachers learn the new system.
  - E. Replacement Needed for L. Auteri and J. Rennie on the Strategic Planning Committee – September is our mid-point review for the strategic plan and we are planning to combine the process with the Middle States Accreditation process. We will reconvene the original committees for strategic plan and look to review/revise the plan from three years ago.

F. Grant opportunity for an Arabic guest teacher – We have applied for a US Department of State grant to be able to have a guest teacher for Arabic, it would be fairly similar to the situation that we have with the Chinese Guest Teacher.

V. VISITORS' COMMENTS

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

VII. ADJOURNMENT: 6:52 PM

PENDING APPROVAL