

SOUTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Education Committee Meeting HS Faculty Lunch Room 1/25/2010 5:30 PM

Minutes

- I. OPENING PROCEDURES
 - A. Time: 5:40 PM
 - B. Recording of attendance by the Secretary:

Present: William Hayes, Corinne Gunkle, Patti Mohr, Leah Christman, Joan

Takacs, Kristen Lewis, and Ken Jordan – Guest -Dr. Robert Laski

- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from November 2009 meeting: Approved (December meeting was cancelled)
- III. NEW BUSINESS/ PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS
 - A. Mr. Hayes was appointed as Chairperson for the committee and agreed to report to the Board on committee activities.
 - B. Kindergarten /Grade 1 entry date
 - 1. Kristen Lewis presented data collected from principals, teachers, school psychologists, PA Dept. Of Education, web sites, data collected on the issue in 2006 and in the data warehouse on all current early entry students, and a discussion ensued.
 - A recommendation was made to amend the current policy to provide an exception clause for those students whose birthdates fall between September 1 and October 1. Strict screening criteria will need to be developed and adopted by the district.
 - C. Update on mid-term/final exam analysis and alignment to standards, anchors, eligible content and reporting categories.
 - 1. Joan Takacs provided an overview.
- IV. VISITORS' COMMENTS: Dr. Laski expressed concerns from his perspective as a parent requesting exceptions to the Sept. 1 deadline regarding children who have a birthdate shortly after Sept. 1.
- V. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None
- VI. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.