



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

**Education Committee Meeting  
High School Faculty Lounge Room  
2/28/2011  
6:00 PM**

***Minutes***

**I. OPENING PROCEDURES**

A. Time - *Call to Order* – 6:00 PM

B. Recording of attendance by the Secretary.

In attendance: *Joseph Liberati, Leah Christman, Corinne Gunkle, Bill Hayes.*

Visitor: *Karen Przelomski, Tom McLoughlin.*

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from January 2011 meeting: Approved**

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Weighted Grade Committee - Mr. Liberati indicated that new members have been added to the committee. Committee will be addressing:

1. Transcript process
2. Profile needs improvement
3. Weighted grades
4. Suggestion made that “college night” be offered at the 8<sup>th</sup> grade level.

B. Update on Sapphire Transition – Mrs. Christman announced that the first Sapphire training took place for approximately 35 key school personnel on February 23, 2011.

C. World Language

1. Mrs. Christman shared an article from the Southern Lehigh Tribune on the student field trip to China Town led by Qingchu Yu.
2. Our grant application for an Arabic guest teacher made it through the first approval process.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS/ PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS**

A. Mid-term Exam Results – Mr. Liberati shared concerns over the results of our latest mid-year exams. Investigations are underway to identify cause data and to address these concerns.

B. Middle States and Strategic Plan Kick-Off is scheduled to take place on March 22, 2011. Mrs. Christman indicated that we received a nice response from the community volunteering to serve on the committee.

- C. Administrative training with iObservation – Mrs. Christman reported that the third out of the six scheduled workshops took place on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. All administrators have completed their Professional Growth Plan.
- D. Update on Math pilot – Mrs. Lewis will report of this item at the next meeting.
- E. Adult Chinese Class – Mrs. Christman announced that a Mandarin class for adults has been offered to Southern Lehigh community members. The cost is \$50 for 10 sessions and will run from mid-March through mid-May. Qingchu Yu, our guest Chinese teacher, will provide the evening instruction at Southern Lehigh High School.
- F. Field Trip Requests
  - 1. The Superintendent approved 5 field trips. Details were shared with the committee.
    - a. Fourth grade half-day trip to Crystal Cave.
    - b. Third grade trip to Environment Day at DeSales University
    - c. HS Math competition at Muhlenberg College
    - d. HS Sociology “culture” trip to Liberty High School
    - e. HS Learning Support class to Holiday Inn Express to explore career opportunities
  - 2. Two overnight trips will be submitted for Board approval:
    - a. Key Club District Convention/Leadership Conference
    - b. Technology Student Association Competition

V. VISITORS' COMMENTS

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

VII. ADJOURNMENT: 6:55 PM