

## Education Committee Meeting

September 3, 2015

Chairperson: Ms. Lindsey

District Liaison: Dr. Varley

- I. Full Day Kindergarten Update – Dr. Varley provided an update on the first week of FDK. Dr. Varley will work with the kindergarten team to propose transitional days next year to help students adapt to the full day. Mr. Werner and Dr. Varley developed an appropriate schedule to maximize instructional time, but teachers are working toward this while the students adapt to routines and the long day. The administrators are monitoring the schedule.
- II. Curriculum Leader Meetings – Dr. Varley is meeting with each curriculum leader to set goals for each grade/department. She will help them to develop meeting agendas and attend their monthly meetings.
- III. PA Core Implementation
  - a. Curriculum Development – Curriculum development will begin in English/Language Arts and math this year to align with PA Core. Dr. Varley expects this to be completed by January 2017.
  - b. Professional Development – Dr. Varley will be training teachers in PA Core and best practices for the various grade levels in reading and math.
  - c. Math and Science Teacher Network Meetings – Representative teachers will be attending grade level meetings through the Math and Science Collaborative at the AIU.
- IV. Title I Reorganization – Dr. Varley is in the process of reorganizing Title I to ensure compliance and focus interventions on student need, instead of following the classroom teacher's lesson.
- V. Arts Education Collaborative – Dr. Varley is recommending that the district utilize the AEC to provide curriculum and professional development services in art and music.
- VI. Holocaust Education Requirement – PDE has passed a requirement to teach Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights Education. Dr. Varley is working with the social studies teachers to ensure that we meet this requirement and attend the required professional development.
- VII. STAR Reading/Accelerated Reader – The elementary schools will utilize the STAR Reading Assessment to place students in levels for their AR books.
- VIII. Report on Student Achievement – Dr. Varley will present this report in November but will approach it in a different way than in the past.
- IX. Comprehensive PDE Plan – November – Dr. Varley is working on the plan, to be board approved in November.
- X. Curriculum Staffing Needs for 2016-17 – The administration is currently working on this