STUDENT LEARNING AND ACHIEVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 11, 2017

The meeting began at 7am with Ms. Krahe, Ms. Poulson, Ms. Malinas, Mr. Bradac, Mr. Cosimi, Mr. Amstutz, Dr. Campbell, Mr. VanArnham, Mr. Wade, Mr. Cosgrove and Ms. Torok in attendance.

Approval of February and March minutes' motion by Tim Cosgrove and seconded by Kat Torok.

Dr. Campbell gave a background of the pilot offering of Algebra II as an honors class. Ms. Krahe and Ms. Poulson then gave a presentation of Project Based Learning and Project Based Assessments which will span throughout all 4 quarters of the school year. Most students are current 10 graders taking the course but former Algebra II Honors students were offered the opportunity to do the projects if they wanted to earn the additional .5 honor credit. Students not currently taking Algebra II made a commitment to complete the required projects to earn the additional credit on their own time after having met with staff and students outside of the normal school day or during home base time. The PBL projects involved cross course content involving math, social studies and English. The 1st and 3rd quarters were more involved projects with the 1st quarter concentrating on linear programming utilizing a Bake Sale activity which challenged the students to create a breakdown of cost per batch doing a cost and time conversion for the items chosen and then presenting their analysis and findings in various forms. The 3rd quarter concentrated on the history of mathematics which utilized the cross-content learning of the above mentioned subjects. Each project had its own rubric and "look fors" so the intended learning goals were clearly understood throughout the course of the PBA.

Mr. Bradac then spoke about digital literacy (digital citizenship) which will be incorporated into age and grade appropriate curriculum throughout the year when and where appropriately needed. The goal is to incorporate the known and authentic website Common Sense Media into curriculum lessons instilling digital citizenship while using social media and the internet as a learning tool without a financial investment. Staff will utilize lessons which have embedded lesson plans such as i.e. bullying to understanding copyright laws and will be introduced when the lesson will be most appropriately understood by the student base involved as well as in which course. Mr. Wade then tied his update of curriculum mapping into Mr. Bradac's presentation supporting the need for students to understand the correct and legal way to utilize media tools and reinforced its need and purpose discussing how it fits into the 5 yr curriculum map and the intended capstone project which is a collection of a student's body of work throughout their years of school. Mr. Wade expressed his support of this approach to supplement curriculum incorporating the state standards while not becoming an overbearing time constraint and taking away valuable instruction time. Mr. Wade felt it important to embed these lessons into the 5 year curriculum mapping plan which will guide future years instruction utilizing time without redundancy.

Mr. Cosimi had approached Mr. Wade announcing that we will need to address our website because the current website host will become obsolete in the beginning of June. The current company was sold and will no longer support our current page. Mr. Cosimi has proposed using a company called E-School View which hosts several other districts in the area with Willoughby Eastlake and Mentor being examples. He feels this is a relatively financially comparable option and has a support location in Columbus. The decision and design must be completed and up by July 1st since June 30th the existing website will no longer be available. Mr. Cosimi will be hosting a stakeholder meeting to get input regarding the design and features. Mr. Cosimi noted that there will be a $7500 startup fee and an annual maintenance cost of approximately $1000.

A public question was asked regarding clarity on the requirement of work for students when a calamity day is called ("Blizzard Bags"). Mr. Wade stated that next year it will be definitively spelled out for the 2017-18 school year. With there being no further questions from the public, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55am.