



**RANDOLPH TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT**

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Committee: Education Chairperson: Allison Manfred

Date of Meeting: 2/18/20 Time: 5:00 PM 6:40 PM
Start End

Board Members in Attendance	Allison Manfred, Tammy McKay, Dorene Roche, Rob Soni & Jeanne Stifelman
Administrators in Attendance:	Michelle Bernal, Cliff Burns, Jennifer Fano, Dave Kricheff, Jonathan Olsen, Frank Perrone, Mario Rodas, Danielle Soldivieri & Amelia Wright
Other:	Grace Ashforth, Trish Bourke, Selena Brodsky, Marissa Caruso, Dana Dawson, Rachel Friedman, Janise Janulis, Irma Pace, Elizabeth Weigand Rivera, Lisa Rodimer, Kayleigh Russell, Jennifer Sickels & Viviana Serna
Business Discussed	<p><u>Agenda</u> <u>Social Emotional Learning – Part 1: Elementary Update</u> <i>Fernbrook Elementary:</i> Michelle Bernal – Principal; Elizabeth Weigand Rivera, Viviana Serna and Jenise Janulis- Teachers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fernbrook utilizes relationship mapping to create connections with students. During data collection and analysis, the feedback of specials (art, gym, etc.) teachers are used. Twenty-five students participate in a SEL Club to help make connections. Club activities include role playing and games—students grow, learn coping skills and can express themselves positively <p><i>Shongum Elementary:</i> Cliff Burns - Principal; Rachel Friedman - Teacher</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shongum uses different strategies to help students express their feelings and learn from these strategies. Examples include POP (Pause, Own It, Practice), which allows students to process emotions that may spill over from home, then assists the student in getting ready to focus and learn <p><i>Center Grove Elementary:</i> Mario Rodas – Principal; Lisa Rodimer and Marissa Caruso – Teachers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Center Grove focuses on the power of positive relationships and makes sure students feel connected to the school. Relationship mapping helps foster relationships with each individual student. School wide “Friday Finales” encourage positivity and recognition of children and classrooms. Older students teach younger grades about the Seven Habits as a form of peer mentoring.

Ironia Elementary: Dave Kricheff – Principal; Irma Pace, Trish Bourke, Selena Brodsky, Kayleigh Russell and Jennifer Sickels – Teachers

- Ironia models *The Art of Gathering* by Priya Parker to encourage parent/teacher interactions and learning situations. Parents are informed about the tools and resources used in the classroom (1st grade) and have the chance to speak openly about school matters and parenting. Two meetings have occurred this school year, with a third expected in the near future.

Doctoral Research Study

Grace Ashforth, High School English Teacher

- The research study will focus on a performance poetry unit in a sophomore English class, and students' feedback and responses will be collected using focus groups. Ms. Ashforth will ultimately use this as part of her dissertation.

PSY 113 General Psychology Dual Enrollment (new class with County College of Morris)

Amelia Wright, RHS Humanities Supervisor

- Prior to the meeting, the course material was revised from a previous version, and the syllabus was broken down into timely sections. It was reported that CCM has been great during the dual enrollment initial progress.

Textbook Adoption Botany: An Introduction to Plant Biology, 7th Edition (to support Botany, a dual enrollment class with CCM)

Anthony Emmons, RHS STEM Supervisor

- The course will be the second dual enrollment option for high school students. There is no pre-requisite for the class. Sustainability will have an emphasis on this course.

Conference Update – Techspo2020

Jennifer Fano, Jonathan Olsen and Danielle Soldivieri

- Seven group members (Jennifer Fano, Jonathan Olsen, Danielle Soldivieri, Frank Perrone, Peter Emmel, Matt Agrati, and Jessica Dingman) presented in January on Microsoft Teams and how its technology can be utilized as an educational tool in schools. TAC (Tech Advisory Committee) has been instrumental in encouraging and advancing technology ideas in the district.

Motions and Related Matters

Public Discussion

Adjournment

Pending Business:	Finalize committee goals for 2020
Recommendations:	
Liaison Highlight:	

Contact person for additional information:

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Next Meeting

Date: Tues, March 17, 2020 Time: 5:00 PM Place: RHS Library
Computer Lab

Possible Topics:

Allison Manfred

Signature of Preparer

February 18, 2020

Date