

Professional Growth Committee

Minutes from 1/20/16

The committee met in the High School Library Conference Room from 8:30-11:00 AM.

Members present - Erin Holt, Sara Lewinski, Matt Struzik, Bryce Thompson, Karen Bertalan, Rebecca Gouinlock, Kelly Beitz, Karen Tomidy, Josh Audsley, John Dickhut, and Mary Audsley and Absent – Melanie Domes, Paul Clark, and Melissa Struzik.

Budget Report:

Main Account- \$2,468.01- \$146 came out for mileage for Amy Cayea and everything is accounted for.

Materials and Supplies Account- \$2,970.00

4T Greene Report: From the Middle School, Walt Hodge and Michele Barber are asking for two Chrome Books totaling \$646.34 and this was approved by the committee. In the high school, John Steckstor and Matt Struzik are also asking for two Chrome Books totaling \$646.34 and they were also approved by the committee. From the elementary school, Anthony Ianni, Donna Keicher, and Loretta Bifarella are asking for an Apple T.V. (Target), monitor, and wall mount (Wal-Mart) totaling \$677.99 and they were also approved.

Tech Update: February 16th is set and schedule has been made.

Assessment Grant Update: The district wants to have a tangible curriculum (scope and sequence) from each department. We are researching ways to make this work. Areas being looked at are Rubicon Atlas revisions and eDoctrina.

Discussion from May 2016: Assessment review will be the focus so that departments can make their curriculum available to the district. Karen Tomidy is going to come back next meeting with what points to hit for the scope and sequence as well as checking into Rubicon Atlas and eDoctrina options. Someone will be asking Kira Formicola the cost for more Autism training for the T.A.s. They can also be with their teachers for the assessment review. The guidance department will be continuing their Guidance Plan from October and we will be checking with Nurses to see what they need. We are looking into a Chicken BBQ presale for Thursday, May 26 with an 8:00-3:00 PM day. Karen Bertalan will be the contact for Jen Holt. Friday, May 27th could possibly be working lunch with an 8:00-2:00 pm day.

From the Group:

We are looking into having another elementary representative for the group.



Attica Central School District Technology Team

Wednesday, January 20, 2016

District Conference Room

12:30 - 3:00 PM

Attendance: Doug Ewert, Luke Simon, Sherry Bennett, Karen Tomidy, Laura Hann, Melissa Mitchell, Sue Cusmano, Melissa Tresley, Stacey Donohue, Penny Alderman, Bryce Thompson

Approval of the October Minutes – October minutes were approved and sent to the Board Office.

■ **Coordinator's Update/Funding**

Budget - Doug reviewed preliminary budget with Steve. Mid March or April - for hardware. Replace all HS and MS teacher work stations. A number of student stations are up for replacement.

Smart Schools Funding - Dave Barber and Doug are heading up the committee. There will be a variety of people - including a community member and student. No dates are set yet.

GADS (Google Apps Directory Synchronization) A new service that will make it easier to manage users. We have the Google account and "active member" account. GAPS will allow him to automatically create both accounts and passwords - instead of having to duplicate the work. The service is installed but not activated. This way everyone will have the same password for both the windows and google. It only works one way - from windows to google. It all starts with the active directory. Only grades 5 - 12 students will be involved. Anyone not having the active directory would have to change them in both places.

Mobile Device Management for iPads - "Cisco Meraki" will allow managing the ipads in a more efficient way. It can all be done through the the Meraki cloud. Icloud can be disabled.

Hardware and Software Requests - Doug has the new hardware request form online. This form is for new hardware - not replacement equipment. If a teacher wants new equipment or software, a form needs to be filled out. This form doesn't have to be made out for on going subscriptions. If additional subscriptions are needed a form will need to be filled out.

CBT (Computer Based Testing) - Karen and Doug attended a BOCES workshop. It was very involved. There is a lot of prep work involved. Doug and Karen will meet to see what information needs to get out to the teachers. The MS has agreed to field test - it will be one grade level and one subject. It will be the same test as the paper based test. It will have the multiple choice and short answer. If the internet goes out there are certain things that the students have to do and not do to keep the tests going. There is a testing window to do the test - just as with the paper test. You don't have to test all of the students at the same time. You can use an ipad, chromebook and a PC. There will be more training in March to get everything out to the schools to be ready. They will have a sampler for parents, teachers and students so they can get on to see what it is like. They gave out all the tech requirements. There are some IT questions that weren't able to be answered. This is taking the place of PARC.
** One need is "mouses" for the students using the chromebooks and laptops especially for the test situation.

- **Parent Portal-** There has been some issues from one code to another code. Moving a child from one group to special ed... it dumps all the grades. The teacher has to re-input all the grades.
- **Tech Day – February 16th:** committee update
 - Paper sent around. Staying with the same format as last year. The two hours will be train a little and then work for a while. Sign ups on survey monkey. NO FOOD. Several of the presenters will be showing tech we have available but may not know about.There is an app on the ipad which can be used to do running records.

Boardmaker - training CD - maybe for the TAs.

PE geek - give phys. ed department some time to look at apps available.

PGC recommended sending out correspondence to teachers that these are the google apps available. Send back the top 3 - 5 apps you want training on. Doug will get a list to Karen of all the google apps that we have available on our domain.

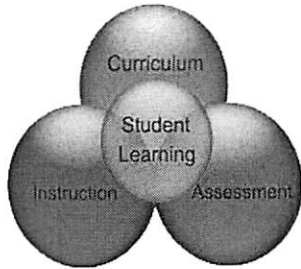
- **Training Opportunities:** Email for NYSCAPE - new google camps - but not in this area. GVEP - common core training.
- **Technology Activities:** The team will share technology activities from their perspective buildings.

- **Building Reports:** High School - broadcast club - internet coverage of the fields for the spring sports. Mobile hot spot could be used. Some problems in the pool for the meets... which have been solved for next year. English and SS projects. - 4-t green - to get more chromebooks on a cart. Presentations are fantastic. Chrome remote desktop - an app where you can sit in the back of the room and you can control the desktop wirelessly. NYSCATE conference - a coding conference. Laura will be doing a video game class as a coding class. Google classroom sent everything she needs to start off the class. Uses MIT's little creature - this will start in 2 weeks. Raspberry pie - is a pocket report.

Middle School - Digies conference at GCC. Annual digital media festival. The students can submit videos, audio, publications, posters, etc. Newest category is interactive media. Things that your students create. April 1st is the deadline. Understanding scratch - students understanding coding. Makey Makey - uses a circuit board and alligator clips. Spirit animal books and video... they all come with a code where they can go in and do more things online.

Attica Elementary - Doug and Penny are working on getting the teachers familiar with different programs and apps from the two buildings. A lot of logistics for letting everyone know what subscriptions we've used at each of the buildings.

- **NYSCAPE** - Janelle Rinker and Kim Derrenbacher were presenters.
- David Jakes presented "Maker Space" - If you have space in your school for areas maybe - robotics, makey makey, legos, and something else... for kids to "geek out". The teacher may lead them into a space that allows the student to grow especially if he is a hands on kid instead of book learner. Students can build social skills and hands on learning.
- Add on for infinite campus.... Monroe BOCES has it ... it hasn't come to GVEP.
- **Next meeting:** March 16th PM



Attica Central School District
Director of Curriculum
Board of Education Report
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- Professional Development activities – I am very excited to share the number of teachers that we have participating in various professional development activities. To name a few:
 - The sixth through eighth math teachers are participating in a math cohort group sponsored by our BOCES. These teachers are meeting on a quarterly basis to learn about best instructional practices related to the Common Core Math Standards.
 - On March 15th and March 16th, two of the High School Social Studies teachers are participating in an Inquiry Design Institute and will gain a clear understanding of the Inquiry Design Model used to create the Inquiries featured in the NYS Social Studies Framework. As a result of their participation, our social studies teachers will have access to the Inquiries designed by teachers from our region. Additionally, these teachers will attend the annual New York State Council for Social Studies at the end of March.
 - For three days (3/8-3/10), four of our elementary and middle school science, technology, and art teachers completed the 3D Printer Make and Take Workshop at BOCES Batavia CTE Center. These teachers assembled two 3D printers that now belong to Attica and will be used within the classrooms. An added bonus to this program is these teachers can be equipped to build 3D printers with our students.

It is critical for teachers to seek opportunities beyond their classroom walls to stay current with educational trends and practices, especially during this time of seemingly endless changes being announced by our State Education Department.

- Facilitating professional development for teachers both in-district and outside the district is one manner in which I can assist in making a positive impact on teaching and learning. Working with teachers individually is equally important. To give an example, I am currently working with a teacher to analyze NYS ELA assessment scores and align them to the released test questions in order to better identify students' misunderstanding in their responses.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Tomidy

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PTG Craft and Vendor Show –

Our PTG is sponsoring a Spring Craft and Vendor Show in the high school gymnasium on Saturday, March 19th, from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. There will be crafters, vendors, baked goods, raffles, and kids activities throughout the event. Admission is free and lunch will be available. We invite you to come enjoy some shopping, food, and fun brought to you by the Attica Elementary PTG.

Attica Elementary Talent Show –

Just a reminder that the *Attica Elementary Talent Show* will be taking place throughout the day on Friday, March 18th, 2016. All students and staff who have signed up for this event will all be showing off their special talents. Parents and community members are invited to stop by anytime throughout the day to catch a glimpse of our Attica Elementary talent!

Village of Kindness -

Our Art Teacher, Mrs. Lewinski, conducted a “Village of Kindness” project with all of our students. Students used milk cartons to create their houses and each had a “kindness” message inside the front door. The Kindness Village is on display in the front hallway and the hallway by the multi-purpose room. We would like to thank the cafeteria staff for their assistance in collecting the milk cartons and we would like to thank Mrs. Lewinski for her efforts in completing this worthwhile project.



Middle School BOE Report for March 31, 2016

The Middle School Read-A-Thon was a great success! We had just over 100 participants including students and staff, raising just \$3,600 that will help fund several student activities including the Breakfast of Champions.

Mr. Versage and a group of eleven of his Technology students will be competing in "Tech Wars" at Genesee Community College on March 17th. The students will have a chance to compete against other area schools by putting their hard work designing and fabricating CO2 cars to the test.

Afterschool Homework Haven/Test Prep is being well attended. We are averaging between 20-25 students on a daily basis. Students have an opportunity to receive guidance on current homework as well as practice ELA and Math related test questions. There are two teachers available at all times to offer help and guidance.

We will be administering the NYS ELA assessments on April 5th-April 7th and the NYS Math assessments April 13th-April 15th.

Subject: BOE Report SHS

From: Josh Audsley

Date: 3/16/16

To: Mr. Thompson & the Attica CSD Board of Education

-The Attica HS Mock Trial Team has started their competitions and is currently 2-0. They will be competing again on Wednesday, March 16th at Albion against Pembroke HS in the Finals at 5:00pm.

-I attended Sunday afternoon's performance of the Drama Club's production of Ashland Falls. Thanks to Mrs. Gebel and Mrs. Kehl and the cast and crew for their hard work. The cast and crew all did a wonderful job.

-On Sunday, March 13th the band played in the Concert for Crossroads House. From all reports it was very well attended and the music was fantastic. Frank Panepento, President of Crossroads House, is extremely appreciative of Attica's continued support of this concert/fundraiser and is especially appreciative of Amanda Hofheins help to pull it off each year.

-Keeping with the band, the annual Band in the Round was Tuesday night, March 15th. This was the 30th annual performance and was well attended and a smashing success. All Middle School and High School bands played and sounded fantastic, especially when they all played together.

-I will be attending the GVEP NTHS Induction Ceremony on Thursday, March 17th at 6:30pm Elba HS. Ten students from Attica will be inducted that night.

-Spring sports have started their practice and are hopeful that it gets warmer and dryer soon so they can get out of the gym or off the parking lot and get some practice in before their first competitions start.

Josh Audsley