ROLL CALL: (6:05) p.m.

Mrs. Mirkovic called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and upon roll call, the following were present:

Present: Ms. Alpert-Knight, Mrs. Mirkovic

Absent: Mr. Warshauer

Also Present: Mr. Beerheide, Mrs. Detlefsen, Ms. Dunham, Dr. Greene, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Pappas, Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Pick, Dr. Stange, Mrs. Styczen, Mr. Subek, Dr. Sukenik, Mrs. Waite, Mrs. Widdes, Mrs. Zogby

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

2.1 Education Committee Meeting – December 6, 2016

Mrs. Mirkovic moved to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2016 Education Committee meeting. Mrs. Alpert-Knight seconded the motion. All were in favor.

PRESENTATIONS:

3.1 District Technology Report

Sheri Styzen, D29 Director of Technology, shared a presentation about the D29 Technology Department. A significant data point included staff and student feedback (grades 3-8) on the nationally recognized BrightBytes technology survey. Data was organized around the areas of classroom; access, skills, and environment. D29’s overall rating was at the Advanced Level, with the most potential for improvement in the area of classroom skills, specifically use of the 4Cs in the classroom.

Mrs. Styczen next described how professional development is provided by the D29 Tech Department and the Tech Mentor Committee. She also highlighted numerous new opportunities at both buildings for students to innovate: Makerspaces; Coding Clubs; Project Lead the Way units; the SRS News; and more. Classroom examples of innovative activities were also shared.

The the device plan for the years 2016-2019 was presented:

- Teacher Devices: MacBook Pros
- 1:1 Student devices: iPads in grades K-2; Chromebooks in grades 3-8
- Shared Devices: ChromeBook Carts for check out in K-2; iPads for checkout in 3-8
- PLTW Gateway: Acer PCs in grades 6-8
Based on the timing of the refresh that is currently due and the cheaper cost of the Chromebooks, the District will save money with this plan. Mrs. Styczen explained other reasons, in addition to price, to move toward Chromebooks.

Mrs. Styczen concluded the presentation with a five-year budget projection and recommendations for purchasing new devices (equipment only).

Dr. Stange asked if the Education Committee could forward this recommendation to the full Board at the next regular meeting. The members agreed.

3.2 SRS Scheduling

Dr. Sukenik followed with an explanation of how the 2017-18 SRS master schedule would address technology offerings alongside music and art classes in the exploratory block. Two of the scenarios required incremental FTE. Dr. Sukenik emphasized that Computer Science is a specialized field and not necessarily a class any teacher could take on with fidelity. It’s adding a new discipline.

Mr. Warshauer requested that this addition be considered in the greater context of any other possible additional areas the administration might be interested in adding staff. Secondly, he suggested the Finance Committee would have to consider what the fund balance impact would be; in other words, examine the impact of such a decision on the long-term forecast.

NEXT MEETING:

4.1 Next Meeting: March 14, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.

The next Education Committee meeting is scheduled on March 14, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Mrs. Mirkovic and seconded by Ms. Alpert-Knight to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. All were in favor.

__________________________ Chairperson, Education Committee

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Approved___________________, 2017