

**PERRY TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS**  
**Perry Schools Discussion Notes**  
**August 6, 2015**

EC Room 210, 4:10PM:-5:00PM (Approximate Time)

**ATTENDANCE**

Administration: Barb Brouwer(SHS), David Rohl (PMMS), Rhonda Jones-Jointer (EC), Vicki Carpenter (EC), John Ralston (PA), Rolland Abraham (PMHS), David Henriott (RPE), Bob Bohannon (EC), Matt Willey (EC), and Whitney Wilkowski (ALE)

PEA: Neil Linville (PMHS), Kyle Hanefeld (GV), Mark Madden (ALE), Steve Dawson (PMHS), Diane Turpen (PMHS), Cathy Cullison (SHS), Rebecca Rissel (GV), and Sue Buscemi (WV)

**One-to-one Devices**

**3rd Grade 1:1** Training will be provided for third grade teachers now that 3rd grade is 1:1. Matt Willey stated that in-building trainings will be scheduled through building principals. One day per week a Google open houses where teachers can get answers to their technology questions.

**High School Connectivity** PMHS, now 1:1, and SHS had connectivity issues during the first week of school. When problems arise, teachers are to email the Help Desk so that the Technology Department knows about the problem and its extent. The problems stemmed from a conflict between the filtering service and Google. A new home filtering model was set up and new access points were added to alleviate the problems.

Teachers voiced that it is difficult to use technology, especially when it is new to them, when the connectivity isn't trustworthy. Teachers also appreciate the communication from Matt Willey and Administration concerning cause of the problems and progress toward solutions. Neil Linville stated that the roll out of 1:1 devices, new to PMHS, went smoothly.

**IXL, Waterford** At the elementary level, IXL replaces Successmaker. This change came from request of principals and teachers, many who piloted IXL last year. IXL is a positive change in that kids readily use it at home and push themselves to get built in awards. Other program advantages include Perry Township Schools saved money by using this program, it is web-based, and it works on the Chromebooks. Waterford, for which Perry Township Schools has a site license, is being used for reading as IXL does not include this component. Waterford can also be used with upper grade EL students.

**Google Email** Google is still transferring old emails from Outlook; it takes a while for those staff members who have many, many old emails. Teachers will still have access to Outlook until the conversion is finished.

**Contract and Teacher Handbook Updates**

**Contract** PEA held 2 contract ratification meetings where PEA members ratified the proposed negotiated agreement. (**This contract was passed by the Board on Monday, August 10.**)

Neil Linville stated that this year's negotiating process was the smoothest since the bargaining rules changed in 2012. He recognized Matt Henninger and the PEA Negotiating team for a fantastic job with bargaining and the Administration for a wonderful working relationship.

Major changes of the new contract include a \$1,938 increase to base pay and 10 paid days for adoption and maternity leaves no matter what time of year the baby is born.

**Handbook Meeting** Bob Bohannon, Vicki Carpenter, Kyle Hanefeld, and Matt Henninger will soon meet in order to update the Teacher Handbook language to reflect the negotiated contract changes.

### **Classroom/Portables - Ready for School**

The rain this summer was the cause of delay for the portable classrooms to be ready on the first day of school. All portables must have a permit. Marc Westfall has been working very hard on this all summer. Administration sympathizes with the teacher who will need to move classrooms as school is in session. At the time of this meeting, MacArthur's portables were ready with classroom movement scheduled for Monday (Aug. 10).

In the next week, Winchester Village will be moving the front office to door #5, the music teacher will move, and furniture will be placed in portables. Also at WV, 5th grade classes and one 2nd grade class will move to portable classrooms in a couple of weeks.

This year will be the largest year for installing portables in the school corporation.

Directions concerning inclement weather for portables will come directly from Central Office.

In other school buildings, new rooms have been captured from existing space. Teachers in these rooms are waiting for technology installation. Administration stated that principals are sensitive to teachers who have been moved around this summer.

### **Food Services**

PEA representatives stated that teachers would appreciate a list of student lunch numbers for the first day of school to help make lunch flow more smoothly. Food Services mailed home student lunch numbers before school began this year.

### **Evaluations**

In most buildings, official teacher observations start on Monday, August 17.

Next Discussion meeting is scheduled for Sept. 3, 2015 - 4:10PM

Respectfully submitted by Diane Turpen