DATE: August 15, 2016

COMMITTEE: Public Affairs & Planning/Curriculum Committee

CHAIRMAN: Jenny Miller

ASSIGNED MEMBER: Richard Gehman, Bob Miller

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

Curriculum

I. Field Trips

The following field trips were reviewed and will be placed on the Board Agenda for approval at the August 29, 2016 Board meeting:

- High School students (approximately nine) to travel to Indianapolis, IN, for the National FFA Convention, Monday, October 17, 2016 – Sunday, October 23, 2016
- Middle School students (approximately 30) to travel to the Boston area for the annual Boston Club field trip, Friday, May 12, 2017 – Monday, May 15, 2017
- Qualifying Athletic Teams and Individual Student Athletes to travel to post-season Tournaments, Team Playoffs, District Games and Meets, and State Games and Meets

INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

Curriculum

I. Children Deserve a Chance Foundation – Attollo Prep

The Committee discussed how District students will be selected and participate in the program. New to Ephrata Area School District this year, only two other Lancaster County districts offer the program: Penn Manor and School District of Lancaster.

II. ConnectEd

The Committee learned how District administrators will participate in ConnectEd, via the national network of EdLeader 21.

Public Affairs/Planning

I. Internet Filtering Update

Additional software was purchases to complete the District Internet filtering project due to students increasing use of technology.

II. Pennsylvania School Climate Leadership Initiative

The District was chosen to participate in the Pennsylvania School Climate Leadership Network. In conjunction with the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE): Office for Safe Schools and the National School Climate Center (NSCC), Ephrata Area School District is one of two districts in the region to participate in the 15-month pilot program. The program implements a five-stage process to promote and improve effective school climate efforts in ways that are integrative and engage students, parents, and District staff.
III. Farmers Insurance Athletic Sponsorship
   The Committee discussed a potential sponsorship opportunity pitched by a local Farmers
   Insurance agent.

IV. Half Day Staff Development Plan
   The District will implement 4 half-days this school year to accommodate staff development. For a
   minimal cost, childcare will be provided for elementary students in the elementary schools and
   intermediate school students at the Rec Center.

V. District Welcome Back Assembly
   7:45 – 8:30 AM: District Light Breakfast Treats, Ephrata Middle School cafeteria
   8:30 – 11:30 AM: District Opening, Ephrata Middle School auditorium

VI. Open House Schedule
   Clay Elementary School and Fulton Elementary School - Tuesday, September 6, 6:30 PM
   Ephrata Intermediate School - Thursday, September 8, 6:30 PM
   Akron Elementary School and Highland Elementary School - Monday, September 12, 6:30 PM
   Ephrata Middle School - Tuesday, September 13, 6:30 PM
   Ephrata High School - Thursday, September 15, 6:30 PM