

West Islip School District

Education Committee

2018-2019

Minutes

November 8, 2018

7:15 p.m.

District Office ~ Board Conference Room

Meeting began @ 7:15 p.m.

Members present: Richard Antoniello, Bernadette Burns, Annmarie LaRosa, Kevin O'Connor, Anne Rullan

Others present: Scott Brady, Paul Michaluk

Elementary Parent Academy

The committee reviewed the presentation *Developing and Supporting Your Childs as a Read and Writer*. Parents learned strategies on how to help their emergent and early readers, received a book to share with their child, and a goody bag of inspiration including a strategy ring of Eagle Eye, Stretchy Snake, Lips the Fish, and Skippy Frog. Once their children feel comfortable reading the book at school, parent will fill out sign up to have their child read to Dr. Rullan, who will come to their school, listen to them read, and give them a certificate and another goody bag of inspiration to encourage reading and writing.

Universal Pre-K/Pre-Kindergarten Program

The District is looking into providing families an opportunity for four year old students to attend a pre-school program at either free or a reduced rate on a lottery basis. A West Islip Pre-Kindergarten program would provide equity for our students either at a free or reduced cost to families. The committee discussed several possible options of a District-funded program versus a Request for Proposal from outside agencies. The committee has asked the District to pursue the options and report back at a later date.

Course Proposals, Name Changes and Course Revisions

The Education Committee reviewed and approved the following courses and curriculum writing projects:

- College Introduction to Sports Management
- Excel for College and Careers
- Social Media Marketing
- AP Computer Science A

- IB Design Technology SL/HL1/HL2
- Robotics
- IB Film SL/HL
- IB Literature and Performance SL/HL
- Skills in STEM Research
- IB Physics SL/HL
- Chemistry Accelerated – course name change and revision

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.