

**OCTORARA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES  
February 26, 2024 – 6:00 PM  
Jr. High School Multi-Purpose Room**

Education Committee members in attendance: Mr. Norris, Mr. Koennecker, Ms. Williamson. Other members present were Mr. Lusby, Ms. Metzler, and Mr. Zimmerman. Also in attendance were Mrs. Hardy, Secretary, Dr. Leever, Superintendent, members of the administrative team, and one visitor.

Under Focus Area #1: Student Health and Wellness, Mr. Peticca discussed the grade 9 QPR training for suicide prevention.

Dr. Tachau discussed the K-12 Health Curriculum regarding mental health units in the various grade levels.

Dr. Propper reviewed Safe-2-Say and the procedures after a call is submitted.

Mr. Hilbolt reviewed the Comprehensive Threat Assessment guidelines and framework. Dr. Leever explained how the District triages mental health situations and the referral process. He said there will be tough decisions down the road regarding mental health positions when they are no longer covered under ESSER funds.

Under Focus Area #2: Continuous School Improvement for Student Learning, Dr. Leever reported he is starting a study with the administrative team on managing change – that is what continuous improvement is about. He reviewed some strategies going forward as a result of the Literacy Audit. Dr. Tachau gave an update on the K-8 ELA curriculum adoption including using Amplify ELA for grades 6-8. She shared the K-8 teacher survey results. Several staff members visited Pequea Valley to see how they used the program. Dr. Tachau shared the reading intervention pilot with Collaborative Classroom for one teacher in grade two and one teacher in grade three. Mrs. Lease discussed the OPLC Morning Meeting and restorative practices in the classroom.

The committee adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill L. Hardy, Secretary  
Octorara Board of School Directors