

**EDUCATION/COMMUNITY/POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT – 10/16/14**

The ECP Committee met on Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. There were quite a few topics on the agenda.

An overview of the 2015-18 Comprehensive Plan for the district was presented to the committee. This plan was drafted in compliance with the revised Chapter 4 of the PDE regulations. The district established a steering committee to oversee the process of developing the Comprehensive Plan. Subcommittees developed specific aspects of the plan. All committees were comprised of a variety of district stakeholder groups including but not limited to professional staff, support staff, students, business partners, and community members. The Comprehensive Plan will be posted on the district website for members of the community to review for a period of 28 days prior to final Board approval in November.

In addition, the committee reviewed the 2015-16 Program of Studies for grades 9 through 12. Changes to the program of studies include courses that have been modified, added, and dropped. Also, the program of studies will now list the courses that are offered at Northbridge.

Another agenda item that was reviewed by the committee was a proposal to re-establish a Robotics Club that would be open to students in middle school and high school. This district-wide organization would provide students the opportunity to pursue their interest in science and technology through a robotics program as well as acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to design and construct a competitive robot. Teams would participate in the FIRST Organization's Robotics Competition.

The committee also approved accepting the Governor's Expanding Excellence Mentoring Grant that was awarded to North Penn High School. This grant is intended to foster a culture of innovation and achievement in Pennsylvania's public schools by recognizing high performance, providing funding to sustain and further improve performance, and to provide an opportunity for high-achieving schools to collaborate, mentor, and share best practices.

North Penn High School was selected as a recipient of this award as a result of the success its students achieved on the 2014 Biology Keystone exam and the strategies that were implemented in support of that.

At the meeting a group of parents addressed concerns about the E3 schedule change at Penndale.

The next ECP Committee meeting will be Monday, November 10, 2014.