



WANAQUE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Shaping the Future... One Student at a Time

November 26, 2019

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

WANAQUE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Professional Learning Day

November 5th

▶ **A Small Dose of Mindfulness:**

ADHD in the Classroom—What Is It and How Can We Help?

▶ **A Larger Dose of Mindfulness:**

Mindfulness Tools to Promote Positive Student Behavior

▶ **Designed by Needs:**

Middle school math teachers visited Roxbury; Ready Classroom Math training; ELA teachers attended Guided Reading workshop; social studies worked on lesson planning for mandates; Curriculum Writing—physical education, music, art, library, technology, ESL

Math Task Force

- ▶ Math Pilot in 6th Grade—Big Ideas
 - ▶ Not as teacher friendly as they would have hoped
- ▶ Came together with Ringwood & Woodland Park
 - ▶ Created criteria
 - ▶ Explored four math programs
 - ▶ Reviewing the resources



Little Bits STEAM Club Infused into Curriculum



- ▶ Funds from the **McKenny Vento Grant** to run an afterschool STEAM club. This allocation of \$10,000 will be used to **purchase materials** and cover the **stipends of teachers**.
- ▶ **Electronic building blocks** that snap together with magnets, empowering kids to create inventions, large and small.
- ▶ Each color performs a **specific function** (EX: Light, sound, motors, and sensors)
- ▶ Reused for **infinite number of inventions**
- ▶ Each kit comes with:
 - ▶ Power, light sensor, temperature sensor, motors, buzzer, LED, button, fan, dimmer, pulse, & more
 - ▶ 40 Accessories including wheels, mounting boards, mechanical arms, screws, battery, magnet shoes, & more
- ▶ **Lesson plans** are aligned with Next Generation Science (NGSS)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T7kRvaVAjiY>

Thankful for our Community Members

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Video: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ssjHd395k1Ye8htwevo0bW4V6Hnric_L/view?ts=5ddd5894