

LAMPETER-STRASBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT
Lampeter, Pennsylvania 17537

Academic Committee Meeting Minutes
January 3, 2022
Administration Building

Mr. Parido called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Board Members, Mr. Matthew E. Parido, Mrs. Melissa S. Herr, Mr. David J. Beiler, Mr. James H. Byrnes, Mr. Andrew L. Welk, Mrs. Suzanne S. Knowles; Superintendent, Dr. Kevin S. Peart; Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Andrew M. Godfrey.

ACADEMIC COMMITTEE ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Textbook Update for 2022-2023 and Beyond...

Dr. Godfrey presented an updated textbook plan to address needs in elementary mathematics and middle school English Language Arts. He provided the Committee with the following information:

- The elementary mathematics textbook renewal cost presented to the Committee in September 2021, will need to be divided into two instalments over the next two years. The new edition of Math Expressions, our current adoption, will not be available by July 1, 2022. Therefore, it was recommended that the current edition of Expressions be purchased for the 2022-2023 school year at a cost of approximately \$32,000, and the new 2023 version of Expression be purchased for the subsequent five years on July 1, 2023, at a cost of approximately \$200,000. The Committee was supportive of this recommendation.
- The middle school English Language Arts (ELA) online textbook subscription will expire on June 30, 2022. In the process of getting a quote for renew the online subscription to support classroom sets of textbooks, the publisher will only renew one year at a time, indicating the series may be discontinued. As a result, Dr. Godfrey recommended purchasing a one-year license to extend the current online subscription and then evaluate new materials during the 2022-2023 school year. This would result in a recommendation for a new ELA adoption for the 2023-2024 school year with an estimated cost of \$100,000. The Committee was supportive of this recommendation.

2. After-School Programming Update

Dr. Godfrey provided the Committee with an update on the proposed after-school programming for Spring 2022. He shared that the goal was to start with a small pilot program with students in grades 3 through 8 during the months of March and/or April. To determine how many students may participate and what the criteria may be for the program, staffing would need to be determined. Dr. Godfrey informed the Committee that he would be surveying all teaching staff to determine interest and develop a staffing plan. Additional updates will be provided at future meetings.

3. Academic Committee Topics Discussion

Mr. Parido shared with the Committee that he met with Dr. Godfrey and they collaborated to develop a plan to present a Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Overview Series to the Committee and the public at future Academic Committee meetings. An outline of the series is attached to these minutes. Dr. Godfrey reviewed each monthly topic with the Committee. The series will begin at the February 7, 2022, meeting and will continue into the 2022-2023 school year with presentations from staff and administration.

ITEMS FROM THE GROUP

There were no items from the Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.