

LAMPETER-STRASBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT
Lampeter, Pennsylvania 17537

Academic Committee Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2021

Mrs. Melissa S. Herr called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Board Members, Mr. David J. Beiler, Mr. James H. Byrnes, Mrs. Melissa S. Herr, Mr. Matthew E. Parido; Superintendent, Dr. Kevin S. Peart; Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Andrew M. Godfrey; High School Principal, Dr. Benjamin J. Feeney; and Business Manager, Mr. Keith A. Stoltzfus.

ACADEMIC COMMITTEE ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. High School Course Selection Guide / High School Goals Update

Dr. Feeney presented the proposed 2022-2023 Lampeter-Strasburg High School Course Selection Guide to the Committee. He reminded the Committee that the new state graduation requirements will start with the class of 2023, our current Juniors. Dr. Feeney shared that there are no new courses or course changes being recommended for the 2022-2023 school year. Dr. Feeney also shared additional information on how the course selection process would be implemented for the 2022-2023 school year. The Committee endorsed the 2022-2023 Lampeter-Strasburg High School Course Guide and supported recommending it for approval by the full Board of Directors at the December 2, 2021, meeting.

2. Federal ESSER Funding: Learning Loss Discussion

Dr. Godfrey provided the Committee with an overview of proposed strategies to address learning loss and enrichment resulting from the pandemic through the use of Federal ESSER funding. Dr. Godfrey explained that all proposed strategies were aligned with the proposed Comprehensive Planning Goals. These goals were developed through a process that involved a variety of stakeholders including parents, community members, teachers, educational specialists, administration, and member of the School Board of Directors. A copy of Dr. Godfrey's presentation is attached.

Dr. Godfrey shared that the proposed funding will be used through June 30, 2024, and is intended to address immediate needs of all students. He highlighted, specifically, a plan to provide students K-8 with afterschool and summer programming to address learning loss as a result of the pandemic. Dr. Godfrey shared a plan to recommend that our current English Language Arts and Mathematics Instructional Coaches move from 50% to 100% positions starting second semester of the 2021-2022 school year through June 30, 2024. The added 50% would be considered a long-term substitute (LTS) position for the 2.5 years. The added LTS time would be used to develop, coordinate, implement, and evaluate the afterschool and summer programming, as well as increase responsibilities in coaching and curriculum review as outlined in the District's Comprehensive Plan. The Committee was supportive of this recommendation.

Dr. Godfrey shared that the attached presentation will be available on the District's website along with a survey for parents, teachers, and community members to provide feedback or ask questions. The survey will be made available for two weeks.

ITEMS FROM THE GROUP

There were no items from the Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.