

LAMPETER-STRASBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT
Lampeter, Pennsylvania 17537

Academic Committee Meeting Minutes
October 4, 2021

Mrs. Patricia M. Pontz called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Board Members, Mrs. Patricia M. Pontz, Mr. David J. Beiler, Mr. Matthew E. Parido, Mrs. Melissa S. Herr; Superintendent, Dr. Kevin S. Peart; Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Andrew M. Godfrey; Elementary Principal, Dr. Michele Westphal.

ACADEMIC COMMITTEE CONSENT ITEMS

1. Title I Summer Reading Camp Information

Dr. Godfrey provided the Committee with an overview of the Title I Summer Reading Program in the agenda packet. Dr. Godfrey answered questions and stated enrollment was good and the program was able to impact a larger number of students this past summer including students going into grade levels one through six.

ACADEMIC COMMITTEE ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Comprehensive Plan Approval

Dr. Godfrey presented an overview of the District's 2021-2024 Comprehensive Plan to the Committee. He shared that the Planning Committee included parents, students, community members, board members, teachers, administrators, and educational specialists. The team met in December 2019, to review data, determine district strengths, areas of need, and discuss the District's educational values. Additionally, each school building met in January 2020, to review data and determine building-level strengths and areas of need. Each building determined "priority" areas and developed goals and action steps to address these priority areas. In turn, the District priority areas were determined based on the data review from the December 2019, meeting, as well as the data from each building level meeting. These priority areas were:

- Meeting the Social and Emotional Needs of all Students
- Provide all students with the support and enrichment needed to achieve mastery of grade level standards
- Provide all students with a rigorous, standards-aligned curriculum, delivered using best evidence-based instructional practices/strategies to support learning at high levels.

Dr. Godfrey shared that District goals and action steps were developed for each priority area and were then shared back with the District Committee in April 2021, for feedback.

Dr. Godfrey also shared the plan was being presented to the Committee and would then be available for public review on the District webpage for the month of October with feedback being directed to Dr. Godfrey. The plan will be presented to the full Board of Directors at the November 1, 2021, meeting.

Dr. Godfrey answered questions from the Committee.

2. Student Achievement Data Review

Dr. Godfrey presented 2021 PSSA and Keystone Data. He shared that data will be reviewed by staff and used as one measure when evaluating curriculum and instruction in tested subject areas. Dr. Godfrey answered questions from the Committee.

3. Pre-K Update

Dr. Westphal provided an overview of the up-and-coming Pre-K program being implemented beginning October 18, 2021, at Lampeter Elementary. The District will be partnering with Owl Hill Learning Center to provide Pre-K services for up to 40 students; 20 in a morning program and 20 in an afternoon program. The program will be housed at Lampeter Elementary, but all instruction and administration of the program will be done by Owl Hill. Dr. Westphal provided highlights of the program and stated the agreement for services with Owl Hill Learning

Center was a recommended approval item on the agenda for the next Board Meeting. Dr. Westphal and Dr. Godfrey answered questions from the committee.

ITEMS FROM THE GROUP

1. Public Comment:

Public comments were made by the following:

- Mrs. Melissa Smith of Lancaster regarding Social, Emotional Learning and Critical Race Theory.
- Mr. David Breneman of Lancaster regarding Critical Race Theory and Curriculum Frameworks.
- Mr. Peter Smith of Lancaster regarding Chromebook software.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.