

# LAMPETER-STRASBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Lampeter, Pennsylvania 17537

Academic Committee Meeting Minutes

September 7, 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; Mr. Scott Kimmel; Superintendent, Dr. Kevin S. Peart; Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Andrew M. Godfrey; Community Member, Mrs. Kari Steinbacher.

## ACADEMIC COMMITTEE CONSENT ITEMS

### 1. 2020-2021 L-S High School Senior Survey Results

Dr. Godfrey shared with the Committee the data from the 2020-2021 Senior Survey. Dr. Godfrey stated the survey data will be reviewed by each department for 'glows' and 'grows' that will be evaluated by the administration and addressed collaboratively in the building.

## ACADEMIC COMMITTEE ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

### 1. School Opening Informational Review / K-12 Instructional Planning.

Dr. Godfrey provided an overview of school opening and instructional planning for the start of the 2021-2022 school year. He reviewed the opening implementation and shared that the number of online students for the start of the school year dropped significantly from the previous year. Dr. Godfrey shared it was an extremely positive opening and everyone across the district was excited to welcome our students back.

### 2. 2020-2021 Professional Development

Dr. Godfrey shared that the focus of professional development from the 2021-2021 school year will be aligned with building Comprehensive Plan goals. All teachers were provided with training related to the updated teacher evaluation system under Act 13. Dr. Godfrey provided an overview of additional topics reviewed by buildings which may have included curriculum/instructional alignment, meeting the social and emotional needs of students, training on new textbook series, and technology integration. Dr. Godfrey answered questions from the Committee.

### 3. ESSER Funding- Closing the Achievement Gap

Dr. Godfrey shared that 20% of the ESSER Funding will be dedicated to meeting learning loss needs of all students. Currently, options on how to address learning loss are being discussed and ideas will be shared with the Committee at a future meeting. Dr. Godfrey shared that this funding can be used to meet social and emotion needs of students as well. All options will be reviewed/discussed. The funding spans over an approximate three-year time span.

### 4. Textbook Renewal Cycle - Discussion of Future Needs

Dr. Godfrey provided an overview of the current textbook renewal cycle for English Language Arts and Mathematics. Dr. Godfrey shared that at the end of this school year, June 2022, two current textbook subscriptions, elementary math and middle school language arts (online only), will need to be renewed. Dr. Godfrey provided estimated costs for both renewals (approximately \$250,000 for math and he is still waiting on an estimate for ELA). These costs will be further discussed at a future Finance Committee Meeting.

### 5. 2021-2022 Meeting Topics

Dr. Godfrey asked the Committee for any potential topics for discussion during the year. Committee members were encouraged to also provide Mrs. Pontz, the Academic Committee Chair, with potential topics. Potential meeting topics are attached to these Minutes.

## ITEMS FROM THE GROUP

### 1. Public Comment:

Public comment was provided by Mr. Matthew Donaldson. Mr. Donaldson questioned if Critical Race Theory was part of the District's curriculum or ever would be. Mrs. Pontz requested that Mr. Donaldson contact Dr. Godfrey directly to discuss his questions.

## ADJOURNMENT

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

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Academic Committee

2021-2022

September 7, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final Review/Planning of Remaining Academic Committee Meetings/Topics</li> </ul>
October 4, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student Achievement Data Review</li> </ul>
November 1, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High School Course Selection Guide 2022-23- Dr. Ben Feeney</li> </ul> <p><b>November Board Workshop:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Review/Update of High School Programs- Dr. Ben Feeney</b></li> </ul>
January 3, 2022 (Proposed)	<p><b>January Board Workshop:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Review/Update of Middle School Programs- Mr. Jamie Raum</b></li> </ul>
February 7, 2022 (Proposed)	<p><b>February Board Workshop:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Review/Update of Elementary Programs Hans Herr- Dr. Jeffrey Smecker</b></li> </ul>
March 7, 2022 (Proposed)	<p><b>March Board Workshop:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Review/Update of Elementary Programs Lampeter Elementary- Dr. Michele Westphal</b></li> </ul>
April 4, 2022 (Proposed)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update- Dual Enrollment Agreements</li> </ul>
May 2, 2022 (Proposed)	

Proposed Topics for the 2021-2022 School Year- TBD

- Comprehensive Planning Updates (Goals/Action Steps)
- Textbook Renewal Cycle- Discussion of Future Needs
- Early Childhood Programming
- Social/Emotional Learning Update(s)
- Potential learning loss and meeting the needs of all learners
- Mentor/Advising supports for secondary students
- Potential instructional programming changes / Updates
- Communication/promotion of college/career readiness programming options for all students

\*Updates on the following topics will be provided monthly at each meeting as information is available.

- Feasibility Study Updates related to Academics
- Curriculum and Instruction Updates and Approvals
- PSBA Policy Review that Pertain to Academic Committee
- PDE Issues and Updates