

LAMPETER-STRASBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT
Lampeter, Pennsylvania 17537

Academic Committee Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2021
Virtual Meeting

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

PRESENT: Board Members, Mrs. Patricia M. Pontz, Mr. Mrs. Melissa S. Herr, Mr. Scott J. Kimmel, Mr. Matthew E. Parido; Superintendent, Dr. Kevin S. Peart; Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Andrew M. Godfrey; Community Member, Mrs. Kari Steinbacher.

ACADEMIC COMMITTEE ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. K-12 Instructional Planning Update

Dr. Godfrey shared with the Committee that all District instructional programming continues to meet students' needs within the confines of the District's Health and Safety Plan.

The Committee was informed that PSSA testing was wrapping up and the online administration of the exams this year was successful. Spring Keystone exams will be administered the end of May. Dr. Godfrey also shared that a survey was sent to parents of online learners and homeschool parents related to their choice of instructional models for the 2021-2022 school year. The survey will remain open through Friday, May 14, 2021.

Dr. Peart provided the Committee with an update on Kindergarten enrollment numbers.

2. Middle School Health Curriculum Revision- Grades 6-8

Dr. Godfrey presented updated Health curriculum for grades 6-8 including the integration of the Family Consumer Science (FCS) Standards. He shared that the FCS standards were included in grades 7 and 8 with Financial/Resource Management and Balancing Family, Work, Community, and Responsibility being taught in grade 8, and Food Science/Nutrition and Child Development being taught in grade 7. These topics will be taught in addition to the health standards required for each grade level. Grade 6 Health and Wellness curriculum was also reviewed and updated for standards alignment. The Committee was supportive of presenting the updated curricula to the full Board of Directors for approval at the June 14, 2021, meeting.

3. Textbook Cycle / Needs Update and Textbook Approval- Pre-Calculus

Dr. Godfrey presented an update of the textbook cycle to the Committee and shared that elementary math and middle school literature will be reviewed during the next school year, 2021-2022. Elementary math will be a new adoption and middle school literature will be a renewal of online materials. Dr. Godfrey shared that although it is too early to acquire accurate pricing, he made the Committee aware that the cost of the elementary math adoption may be around \$250,000. Dr. Godfrey shared that he would update both the academic and finance Committees in the fall when more accurate pricing is available.

Dr. Godfrey also presented Pre-calculus by Pearson to the Committee for consideration as a new textbook for the high school pre-calculus course of study. Dr. Godfrey shared that several books were reviewed and this one was chosen and approved by the Math CIA Committee. Dr. Godfrey also shared that the cost would be covered by the high school textbook budget using 2020-2021 funds. The Committee was supportive of recommending the pre-calculus textbook for approval at the June 14, 2021, meeting.

4. EdInsight/Harris Education Solution Agreement

Dr. Godfrey presented an updated agreement with EdInsight/Harris Education for use of their curriculum writing tool. The Board had previously approved a year-to-year agreement with EdInsight/Harris Education. Under the approved agreement, the cost would increase by 6% yearly. The updated agreement was a three-year agreement lowering the yearly increase to 2%. Dr. Godfrey shared that we would be using the tool for many years and had no reservations moving to a three-year agreement at a yearly savings of 4%. The Committee supported the recommendation and then agreed to move the requested agreement for services to the full Board of Directors for consideration at the Board meeting on June 14, 2021.

ITEMS FROM THE GROUP

Mrs. Pontz reminded members to let her know if they had any topics for the Committee for the 2021-2022 school year.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.