

LAMPETER-STRASBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Lampeter, Pennsylvania 17537

Academic Committee Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2020

Virtual Meeting

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

PRESENT: Board Members, Mrs. Patricia M. Pontz, Mr. Matthew E. Parido, Mrs. Melissa S. Herr; Superintendent, Dr. Kevin S. Peart; Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Andrew M. Godfrey; Community Members, Mr. John Strange, Mr. Stephen McLune, and Mrs. Kari Steinbacher.

ACADEMIC COMMITTEE CONSENT ITEMS:

1. Nursing Practicum MOU with Eastern Mennonite University (EMU)

Dr. Godfrey presented an MOU with Eastern Mennonite University (EMU) that would allow a nursing student to obtain practicum hours working with district nurses in the Winter/Spring of 2021. The nursing staff was supportive of the placement. The committee was supportive of recommending the approval of the agreement by the full Board of Directors at the November 2, 2020, meeting.

ACADEMIC COMMITTEE ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. K-12 Instructional Planning Update

Dr. Godfrey provided an update on instructional planning since the opening of school. An overview of current online learning numbers K-12 were provided. Dr. Godfrey shared that many students have transitioned back to face-to-face learning from full-time online learning at the elementary level. Dr. Godfrey also shared that both students and staff seem to be adjusting to the new online learning platform and content K-8, however, some concerns continue to be addressed.

Dr. Godfrey also shared a process to evaluate the current hybrid model of instruction currently being implemented at Lampeter-Strasburg High School. The process includes discussion by the board at the October 19, 2020, Board Workshop Meeting, surveying parents, students, and staff, and then formulating an administrative recommendation based upon survey feedback results, consultation of medical professionals, and current COVID numbers (District and County). The recommendation will be based on all collected data above in relations to three goals:

- Safety of ALL students and staff
- Provide the most meaningful instruction to our students utilizing Lampeter-Strasburg School District's approved curriculum. (We recognize that face to face instruction is the most robust delivery model for this to occur.)
- Be respectful of individual students/families' concerns and preferences.

The recommendation will be shared with the full Board of Directors at the November 2, 2020, meeting. Questions were answered related to the process presented and the Committee was supportive of sharing the process with the full Board of Directors at the October 19, 2020, workshop meeting.

2. State Assessment Update

Dr. Godfrey shared that as a result of COVID-19 all mandated State assessments were waived for the 2019-2020 school year. Currently, students will be required to participate in State assessments during the 2020-2021 school year (Keystones and PSSA). However, Dr. Godfrey provided an overview of Pennsylvania Senate Bill 1216, which, if approved, will impact State Assessments this year and how the results may be utilized. Dr. Godfrey stressed that this State legislation is proposed at this time and has not been signed into law.

3. Comprehensive Planning Update

Dr. Godfrey shared that the deadline for the District's Comprehensive Plan Submission has been postponed to November 30, 2021. Dr. Godfrey informed the committee that all building level plans were finalized during the 2019-2020 school year and a community engagement meeting was held in December of 2019. Given the delayed submission date, Dr. Godfrey was hopeful to hold a second community engagement meeting, even if virtual, prior to the plans final submission.

ITEMS FROM THE GROUP

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.