

LAMPETER-STRASBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Lampeter, Pennsylvania 17537

Academic Committee Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2020

Virtual Meeting

Mrs. Patricia M. Pontz called the meeting to order at 6:47 p.m. (as a result of technical difficulties)

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; Community Members, Mr. John Strange, Mr. Stephen McLune, and Mrs. Kari Steinbacher.

ACADEMIC COMMITTEE CONSENT ITEMS:

1. 2019-2020 L-S High School Senior Survey Results and Graduation Data

Dr. Godfrey shared with the committee the data from the 2019-2020 Senior Survey as well the class of 2020's graduation data. Dr. Godfrey stated the survey data will be shared with staff in the near future.

2. MOU – Dual Enrollment Agreement with Pennsylvania College of Art and Design

Dr. Godfrey presented an updated dual enrollment agreement between the District and the Pennsylvania College of Art and Design. He explained that this is a renewed relationship with the college. The committee was supportive of recommending the approval of the agreement by the full Board of Directors at the October 5, 2020, meeting.

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 2020-2021 school year. Based on the districts' approved Health and Safety Plan and parent survey data, Dr. Godfrey reviewed the opening implementation of the following instructional delivery options:

- Full time face-to-face instruction (K-8) or hybrid face-to-face instruction (9-12)
- Full-time online instruction provided by L-S learning facilitators using either Accelerate or Edison curriculum.

Dr. Godfrey described the implementation process for each option and reviewed any areas of concern with implementation as well as how buildings were working to support the social and emotional needs of students. He answered questions from the committee.

2. 2020-2021 Professional Development

Dr. Godfrey shared the focus of professional development from the 2020-2021 school year was on health and safety and curriculum content delivery. Health and safety trainings focused on understanding SARS-COVID as well as what can be done to protect the health and safety of all students and staff. Training was provided by the District's head nurse and Penn Medicine Lancaster General Health. Health and safety procedures for each building were also reviewed with all staff and students at the start of the school year.

Curriculum content delivery focused on strategies for facilitating blended and online learning. Teachers completed module 1 of a three module course, Teacher Presence in Online and Blended Learning Environments. Module 2, Social Presence in Online and Blended Learning

Environments, and module 3, Cognitive Presence in Online and Blended Learning Environments, will be completed throughout the school year. Dr. Godfrey answered questions from the committee.

3. 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 2021, two current textbook subscriptions, middle school math and elementary English language arts (online only), will need to be renewed. Dr. Godfrey provided estimated costs for both renewals (approximately \$85,000 - \$100,000 for math and \$137,000 for ELA). These cost would be further discussed at a future Finance Committee Meeting.

4. Community Member Representation on Academic Committee

Three potential community member representatives for Academic Committee attended the meeting, Mrs. Kari Steinbacher, Mr. John Strange, and Mr. Stephen McLune. Dr. Godfrey shared per the approved guidelines, the Board may approve up to two representatives for a two school year term. Mrs. Pontz, the Academic Committee Chair, will reach out to each candidate to further discuss becoming a community committee representative.

5. 2020-2021 Meeting Topics

Dr. Godfrey asked the committee for any potential topics for discussion during the year. Committee members were encourage to also provide Mrs. Pontz, the Academic Committee Chair, with potential topics.

ITEMS FROM THE GROUP

1. Public Comment:

Public comment was provided by Mr. Joseph Robinson of Willow Street, PA. His comment was shared publicly by Mrs. Pontz, the Academic Committee Chair. Mr. Robinson's comments addressed his concerns related to online learning.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.