

LAMPETER-STRASBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Lampeter, Pennsylvania 17537

Academic Committee Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2023

Mr. Matthew E. Parido called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Board Members, Mr. Matthew E. Parido, Mrs. Melissa S. Herr, Mrs. Suzanne S. Knowles, Mrs. Kari A. Steinbacher; Mr. James H. Byrnes, Mr. Andrew L. Welk; Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Andrew M. Godfrey; Superintendent, Dr. Kevin S. Peart; and Community Member, Mrs. Amanda Schlee.

ACADEMIC COMMITTEE ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Dual/Concurrent Enrollment Update / Early Enrollment Agreement – Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology

Dr. Godfrey presented dual enrollment data and an overview of current agreements with local colleges and universities. He shared that an increased number of students are participating in dual enrollment courses during the 2022-2023 school year. Additionally, Dr. Godfrey presented an updated Early Enrollment Agreement with Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology (TSCT). This agreement would allow students to be full-time students at TSCT their senior year and be concurrently enrolled at L-S High School allowing students to receive a two-year degree within one year of graduation. The Committee was supportive of the agreement, and it will be presented to the full Board of Directors for approval at the May 1, 2023, meeting.

2. Recommended Curriculum:

- a. Modern Band – L-S High School
- b. 21st Century Communications – L-S High School

Dr. Godfrey presented the completed curriculum for two new high school courses, previously approved by the School Board in the fall of 2022. Dr. Godfrey answered questions related to the new curriculum documents. The Committee was supportive of moving the new curriculum documents to the full Board of Directors for approval at the May 1, 2023, meeting.

3. Textbook Recommendations:

- a. Sociology: A Brief Introduction, McGraw Hill
- b. The Nystrom World Atlas 5th Edition, Nystrom Education (Grade 6)
- c. The Nystrom World Atlas 3rd Edition, Nystrom Education (Grade 7)

Dr. Godfrey presented a new Sociology textbook and two new Atlas' to supplement approved curriculum at the high school, Sociology, and the middle school, sixth and seventh grade social studies. Dr. Godfrey shared that the current textbooks were upwards of 20 years old and in need of replacement. The cost of replacement would be from building level textbook budgets. Dr. Godfrey had copies of each book for the Committee to review. The Committee was supportive of moving the new textbooks to the full Board of Directors for approval at the May 1, 2023, meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES

Dr. Godfrey provided the Committee with an update on the progress of the District-wide Instructional Program Review. He shared that the IU completed the data collection and presented a draft report to the administration. The report is being finalized and will be reviewed in depth by the administrative team this summer and used as data for the upcoming comprehensive planning cycle. Dr. Godfrey answered questions from the Committee.

Dr. Peart provided the Committee with an update on current K-5 enrollment and the projected number of class sections for the 2023-2024 school year.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.