

LAMPETER-STRASBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Lampeter, Pennsylvania 17537

Academic Committee Meeting Minutes October 2, 2023

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

PRESENT: Board Members, Mr. Matthew E. Parido, Mrs. Melissa S. Herr; Mrs. Kari A. Steinbacher; Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Andrew M. Godfrey; Community Members, Mrs. Amanda Schlee and Mrs. Kristina Szoke.

ACADEMIC COMMITTEE ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Where Everybody Belongs (WEB) Implementation Proposal and Timeline

Dr. Godfrey shared with the Committee a proposal for the implementation of Where Everybody Belongs (WEB) at Martin Meylin Middle School. The program is designed to help with the transition to middle school and help build academic success. It connects 8th graders with incoming 6th graders to support meaningful relationships, fostering the feeling of identity and belonging within the school. A timeline for implementation and training, including training costs, was included in the proposal. All costs for training will be covered through current ESSER grants. The Committee was supportive of the proposal and timeline.

2. MOU - Compass Mark - Catch My Breath

Dr. Godfrey shared with the Committee an MOU with Compass Mark to provide lessons to all 7th grade students as part of the Catch My Breath Program. These lessons will focus on the prevention of using nicotine and vaping and would be part of students' current health course. The Committee was supportive of the proposal.

3. Contract for Services with IU13 for Coaching

Dr. Godfrey presented a contract for services with IU13 for administrative coaching as a professional development strategy for administration aligned with the Instructional Program Review recommendations. Dr. Godfrey shared the coaching would include all building level administration and the special services director. The cost would be covered through current ESSER grants. The Committee endorsed the agreement.

4. New Course Proposals - a) Foundations of Science b) Biology (Updated)

Dr. Godfrey shared two new course proposals. Foundations of Science is a new course aligned with the new PA Science Standards that will provide students with an introduction to topics in chemistry, physics, as well as general scientific principles and skills. This course will become the required science course for all incoming freshman starting with the 2024-2025 school year. The second course, Biology, is an update of the current required Biology course aligned with the new PA Science Standards and the new upcoming required Biology Keystone Exam. Dr. Godfrey answered questions from the Committee. The Committee was supportive of moving both proposals to the full Board of Directors for a recommendation of approval at the November 6, 2023, meeting.

5. Textbook Cycle Update

The Committee was presented with an updated timeline and cost analysis of textbook renewals for July 1, 2024. Elementary Math and Algebra I are both up for renewal. Dr. Godfrey shared the process for the new adoptions and that a request is being made for \$250,000 for the elementary adoption and \$35,000 for the Algebra I adoption. Both adoptions would be for a six-year period, including online materials. Dr. Godfrey shared this would be further discussed at the Finance Committee meeting on October 23, 2023.

6. Policy Updates

- a. 103 Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Students
- b. 103.1 Nondiscrimination- Qualified Students with Disabilities
- c. 104 Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Staff

Dr. Godfrey presented the above policies for review to the Committee. There were no comments or questions related to these policies.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.