

LAMPETER-STRASBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Lampeter, Pennsylvania 17537

Academic Committee Meeting Minutes

January 2, 2024

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. Kristin M. Staley; Mr. Andrew L. Welk; Mr. Dean E. McComsey; Mrs. Suzanne S. Knowles; Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Andrew M. Godfrey; Superintendent, Dr. Kevin S. Peart; Community Member, Mrs. Amanda Schlee.

ACADEMIC COMMITTEE ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Community Action Partnership (CAP) Collaboration with Hans Herr Elementary

Dr. Godfrey presented an overview and outline of a proposed collaboration between Hans Herr Elementary School and Community Action Partnership (CAP) to provide students in grade 4 with lessons related to listening and communicating effectively and conflict resolution skills. A copy of a proposed parent letter was also shared with the Committee. The Committee was supportive of the collaboration to provide students in grade 4 with the lessons presented.

2. Agreement for Services – Winner’s Circle Center

Dr. Godfrey presented an agreement for services with Winner’s Circle Center to provide students in the high school emotional support classroom with equine-assisted learning and skill-building. The cost would be covered using ESSER funds. Students would have the opportunity to participate in multiple learning sessions. Dr. Godfrey answered questions and the Committee was supportive of the agreement.

3. Curriculum Approvals – Principles (Foundations) of Science and Biology (Updated)

Dr. Godfrey presented the completed curricula for the two high school science courses, Principles (Foundations) of Science and Biology (Updated). Dr. Godfrey explained that the course, Principles of Science, was changed from Foundations of Science to meet the requirements of the NCAA, however, nothing else related to the course was changed. Dr. Godfrey presented the proposed curricula for both courses, aligned with the new State Science and Engineering Standards. Dr. Godfrey answered questions. The Committee was supportive of recommending both curricula to the full Board of Directors for approval at the February 5, 2024, meeting.

4. Instructional Video Request – *Till* (2022): Grade 9 American Cultures

Dr. Godfrey presented an instructional video request from the High School Social Studies Department. The movie, *Till* (2022), was recommended to become a resource for the Grade 9 American Cultures course. The request was to show the entire movie to support standards related to the interpretation of how conflict and cooperation among groups and organizations have impacted the growth and development of the United States and the role groups and individuals played in the social, political, cultural, and economic development of the United States.

Dr. Godfrey answered questions related to the course and shared that the request was also requesting that eight previously approved movie titles be removed from the approved list and as approved materials to support specific curricula. The Committee was supportive of recommending the video request to the full Board of Directors for approval at the February 5, 2024, meeting.

5. PA State Legislative Update

Dr. Godfrey provided an update on current and proposed state legislation related to the state approved budget. He answered questions and offered to provide additional information on any item presented at the request of any member of the Committee.

6. Policy Updates

- a. 106 Guides for Planned Instruction
- b. 107 Adoption of Planned Instruction
- c. 108 Adoption of Textbooks

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 7:10 p.m.