

LAMPETER-STRASBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Lampeter, Pennsylvania 17537

Academic Committee Meeting Minutes

February 5, 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; Mrs. Kari A. Steinbacher; Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Andrew M. Godfrey; Superintendent, Dr. Kevin S. Peart; Community Members, Mrs. Amanda Schlee and Mrs. Kristina Szoke.

ACADEMIC COMMITTEE ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Title I Program Update

Dr. Godfrey presented an overview of current data related to historical poverty rates across the District over a five-year period, as well as recent mobility data for this school year. Based on the current data and data trends, Dr. Godfrey shared that the elementary schools have submitted waivers to shift from a Targeted Assistance Title I model to a Schoolwide Title I model. Dr. Godfrey reviewed the differences and explained that the shift would provide more flexibility but would not alter delivery of services. Dr. Godfrey answered questions from the Committee.

2. Lampeter-Strasburg Comprehensive Plan and State Required Reports

Dr. Godfrey presented an overview of the proposed Lampeter-Strasburg Comprehensive Plan and State Required Reports. He specifically reviewed the finalized priority statements and associated goals for the District and how they align with the building level goals. Dr. Godfrey explained that a full copy of the plan and required reports are currently available on the District webpage for public review as required for thirty (30) days. Dr. Godfrey answered questions related to priorities and goals. The Committee was supportive of recommending the full plan for approval at the March 4, 2024, Board Meeting following the review of any public comments.

3. Textbook Approvals

Dr. Godfrey presented a textbook request for enVision Mathematics (2024) by Savvas, for a six-year adoption for students in grades k-5. Dr. Godfrey reviewed the process utilized to make the selection and emphasized that teachers, specialists, and administration were all included in the decision. Dr. Godfrey shared the quote and that any approval would be pending final approval of the 2024-2025 budget. The Committee was supportive of recommending the textbook to the full Board of Directors for approval at the March 4, 2024, meeting.

Additionally, Dr. Godfrey shared that the secondary math departments and administration were not recommending a new algebra I textbook, but rather, would like to purchase a supplemental program, ALEKS by McGraw Hill, to support the current textbook and curriculum. Dr. Godfrey shared that the purchase would be for a 6 year license would also include 8th grade math in addition to algebra I. This request would use the textbook funding recommended for new algebra I textbooks. The Committee was supportive of the recommendation.

4. Policy Updates

- a. 109 Resource Materials
- b. 110 Instructional Supplies
- c. 111 Lesson Plans

Dr. Godfrey presented the above policies for review to the Committee and verified the process outlined in policy 109 is the one being used.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.