

# LAMPETER-STRASBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Lampeter, Pennsylvania 17537

Academic Committee Meeting Minutes

March 4, 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; Elementary and Middle School Principals, Dr. Michele Westphal and Mrs. Alicia Kowitz; Classroom Teacher, Mrs. Kendra Mier and several of her students; Community Members, Mrs. Amanda Schlee and Mrs. Kristina Szoke.

## ACADEMIC COMMITTEE ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

### 1. Adopt a Middle School Program – Spanish App Student Presentation

Several students from Mrs. Mier's 8th grade classes presented their learning after developing applications to help second language learners be part of the school learning environment. The projects were excellent, and students demonstrated how they would assist a second language learner navigate the school and access critical information related to learning and the learning environment.

### 2. Early Childhood Center Update and Transition Planning

Dr. Michele Westphal provided the Committee with an overview of the transition planning for the opening of the new Kindergarten/Early Childhood Center. The presentation included, but was not limited to, details related to staff moving, student transportation, and building start and end times. Dr. Westphal answered questions from the Committee.

### 3. Policy Updates

- a. 112 Guidance Counseling
- b. 113 Special Education
  - i. 113.1 Discipline of Students with Disabilities
  - ii. 113.2 Behavior Support
  - iii. 113.3 Screening and Evaluations for Students with Disabilities
  - iv. 113.4 Confidentiality of Education Student Information

Dr. Godfrey presented the above policies for review and shared the PSBA recommended updates to the special education policies would be presented for a first reading at the April, 2024, Board Meeting. He stated the proposed updated for specificity only.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.