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**Lansingburgh Central School District
Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, March 22, 2021
Turnpike Elementary School - Gymnasium**

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Jason Shover at 6:00 p.m. **CALL TO ORDER**

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board of Education Members, Kelley Bristol, Marie Cole, Michael Cusack, Rob Morris, Jason Shover and Jeffrey White were present. Daniella Richards and Michele Speanburg were absent from the meeting.

James Spear arrived at 6:25 p.m.

Others present include Angela Mauriello (on behalf of the LTA), Bob Schongar, Matt Van Dervoort, Carrie Phelan, Ian Knox, Linda Klime, Lisa Kyer, Rebecca McGrouty, Dr. Antonio Abitabile and Christina Williams. There were 4 community members present.

<p>A parent of a senior volleyball player stated that she understands the Colonial Counsel made the decision for no in-person attendance at games, but is hoping the District will allow parents to attend games in person.</p>	<p>Visitors Address the Board</p>
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Motion by Mrs. Bristol:

RESO #1-03/22/2021

Approve Financial Reports

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the Treasurer's Report, Budget Transfers and Monthly Financial Report submitted by the Audit Committee.

Second: Mr. Morris

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

RESO #2-03/22/2021
Approve Minutes

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 22, 2021, rescinding resolution #9 and correcting appointment dates on resolutions #6, #7, #8 and #22, and the minutes of the Special Meeting held on March 8, 2021.

Second: Mr. Morris

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

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INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL

Motion by Mr. White:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Thomas Hopkins, Principal of Rensselaer Park Elementary School, effective April 23, 2021.

RESO #3-03/22/2021
Accept Resignation –
Thomas Hopkins

Second: Mr. Morris

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Matthew Loatman as Boys Junior Varsity Soccer Coach for the 2021 Fall Season.

RESO #4-03/22/2021
Accept Resignation –
Matthew Loatman

Second: Mr. Morris

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby confers tenure upon the following teachers who have successfully completed their required probationary period:

RESO #5-03/22/2021
Grant Tenure – Katie
Baril and Megan
Nolan

Katie Baril Effective 03/06/2021 Special Education (RPES)
Megan Nolan Effective 04/23/2021 Special Education (TES)

Second: Mr. Morris

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby appoints Alexis Fredricks to a probationary position at Turnpike Elementary School in the Teaching Assistant tenure area, pending clearance by New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, with compensation in accordance with the CSEA Teaching Assistant Contract as set forth below:

RESO #6-03/22/2021
Appoint Teaching
Assistant – Alexis
Fredricks

Commencement of Probationary Service – March 15, 2021
Expiration of Probationary Service – March 14, 2025

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Certification Status – Teaching Assistant, Level I (pending)

Salary – Step 1 - \$17.06 per hour

Second: Mr. Morris

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

RESO #7-03/22/2021
Appoint Teaching
Assistant – Tamara
Lewis

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board of Education hereby appoints Tamara Lewis to a probationary position at Rensselaer Park Elementary School in the Teaching Assistant tenure area, pending clearance by New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, with compensation in accordance with the CSEA Teaching Assistant Contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Probationary Service – March 22, 2021

Expiration of Probationary Service – March 21, 2025

Certification Status – Teaching Assistant, Level I (pending)

Salary – Step 1 - \$17.06 per hour

Second: Mr. Morris

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

RESO #8-03/22/2021
Appoint School Nurse
– Zerlina Ochis

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby appoints Zerlina Ochis to a temporary School Nurse position at the Rensselaer Park Elementary School with terms as set forth below:

Commencement of Service – February 10, 2021

End of Service – June 30, 2021

Salary – Step 1 / \$27.16 per hour

Second: Mr. Morris

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

RESO #9-03/22/2021
Correction to Agenda

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves a correction to the agenda.

Second: Mr. Morris

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

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Motion by Mr. White:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby appoints Lori Ryan to a temporary, part-time Teaching Assistant positions at Lansingburgh High School with terms as set forth below:

Commencement of Service – March 22, 2021

End of Service – June 30, 2021

Terms – 2.5 days per week

Salary - Step 1 - \$17.06 per hour

RESO #10-03/22/2021
Appoint Part-Time
Teaching Assistant –
Lori Ryan

Second: Mr. Morris

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby appoints Christina Huttner to a home tutoring assignment for an elementary school student who is awaiting placement, with terms as set forth below:

Commencement of Service – March 15, 2021

Expiration of Service – TBD

Terms – 1 hour per day / 5 days per week

Contractual Rate - \$30.00 per hour

RESO #11-03/22/2021
Appoint Home Tutor –
Christina Huttner

Second: Mr. Morris

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby appoints Alexandra Thomson as the volunteer KMS Student Senate Advisor for the 2020-2021 school year.

RESO #12-03/22/2021
Appoint Volunteer –
Alexandra Thomson

Second: Mr. Morris

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following substitute teachers for the 2020-2021 school year with compensation established at the daily rate of \$100 for uncertified teachers, the daily rate of \$120 for certified teachers and the daily rate of \$125 for retired LCSD teachers:

RESO #13-03/22/2021
Appoint Substitute
Teachers

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Emma Closson – uncertified teacher
Elizabeth Hanna –uncertified teacher

Second: Mr. Morris

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education appoints the following substitute teaching assistant for the 2020-2021 school year in accordance with the terms as set for below:

RESO #14-03/22/2021
Appoint Substitute
Teaching Assistant

Catherine Lynch - \$17.06 per hour

Second: Mr. Morris

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education appoints the following 2021 Fall II Coaches with stipends in accordance with the LTA Contract:

RESO #15-03/22/2021
Appoint 2021 Fall II
Coaches

Head Varsity Football Coach – Jeff Pasinella
Assistant Varsity Football Coach – Jon Pravel
Head Junior Varsity Football Coach – Peter Allen
Assistant Junior Varsity Football Coach – Chad Laustrup
Boys Varsity Soccer Coach – Zachary Frese
Boys Junior Varsity Soccer Coach – Glenn Wolin
Girls Varsity Soccer Coach – Alaina Lange
Girls Junior Varsity Soccer Coach – Schuyler Kokernak
Girls Varsity Volleyball – Molly Fryer
Girls Junior Varsity Volleyball Coach – Carrie Rath
Boys & Girls Varsity Cross Country – Dallas Foard
Medical/Athletic Training (at the rate of \$125 per event) – John Moser
Volunteer Football Coaches – Chuck Castle; Nathan Lyman
Volunteer Volleyball Coach – Lauren Bynon
Announcer/Scorekeeper – Anthony Emmanuel

Second: Mr. Morris

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

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PERSONNEL – NON- INSTRUCTIONAL

Motion by Mr. White:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts the resignation of Gulshan Hamid, teacher aide at Turnpike Elementary School, effective February 4, 2021.

RESO #16-03/22/2021
Accept Resignation –
Gulshan Hamid

Second: Mr. Morris

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby appoints Michael Santiago as a custodial worker at Knickerbacker Middle School, pending clearance by New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, with terms in accordance with the CSEA contract as set forth below:

RESO #17-03/22/2021
Appoint Custodial
Worker – Michael
Santiago

Commencement of Service: March 15, 2021

Step 1 - \$21.95 per hour + \$0.50 differential / 8-hour workday / 12-months

Second: Mr. Morris

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby appoints Ashley Simmons as a 10-month Secretary I at Rensselaer Park Elementary School, pending clearance by New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, with terms in accordance with the CSEA contract as set forth below:

RESO #18-03/22/2021
Appoint Secretary I –
Ashley Simmons

Commencement of Service: February 10, 2021

Step 2 - \$21.50 per hour / 7.5-hour workday / 10-months

Second: Mr. Morris

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby appoints Tracey Zautner as a

RESO #19-03/22/2021
Appoint Typist –
Tracey Zautner

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10-month typist at Lansingburgh High School, pending clearance by New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, with terms in accordance with the CSEA contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Service: March 22, 2021

Step 1 - \$19.18 per hour / 7.5-hour workday / 10-months

Second: Mr. Morris

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

RESO #20-03/22/2021
Appoint Field Site
Supervisor – Alfred
Walton

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby appoints Alfred Walton as a part-time Field Site Supervisor, pending clearance by New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, in accordance with terms as set forth below:

Commencement of Service: March 17, 2021

End of Service: November 30, 2021

Hourly Rate: \$22.08

Second: Mr. Morris

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

RESO #21-03/22/2021
Appoint Non-
Instructional Staff

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following non-instructional staff be appointed for the 2020-2021 school year, pending clearance by New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law:

Erica Nadler – RPES noon aide effective 02/24/2021 – 06/30/2021

Marah Tague – RPES noon aide effective 02/26/2021 – 06/30/2021

Daniel Lucas – RPES noon aide effective 03/01/2021 – 06/30/2021

Nancy Ryan – TES noon aide effective 03/03/2021 – 06/30/2021

Warren Lansing – TES noon aide effective 03/03/2021 – 06/30/2021

Catherine Alexopoulos – LHS noon aide effective 03/03/2021 – 06/30/2021

Second: Mr. Morris

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

RESO #22-03/22/2021
Appoint Substitute
Non-Instructional Staff

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following non-instructional staff for the 2020-2021 school year, pending

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clearance by New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law:

William Bowles, Jr. – substitute security monitor

Second: Mr. Morris Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 Motion Carried
Unanimously

ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Mr. White:

RESO #23-03/22/2021
Accept Donation

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby accepts a donation from CAMS Sanitize in an amount equivalent to \$1800.00 for the purpose of 100 gallons of Aseptic+ and 300 empty spray bottles.

Second: Mr. Morris	Ayes – 6	Nays – 0	Motion Carried Unanimously
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Motion by Mr. Morris:

RESO #24-03/22/2021
Approve 2020-2021
Health Service Rate

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the Health Service Rate to be charged to other public school districts for health services provided to students attending private and/or parochial schools in the Lansingburgh Central School District, be approved in the amount of \$646.93 per student for the 2020-2021 school year.

Second: Mr. White Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Morris:

RESO #25-03/22/2021
Approve Agenda
Correction

The Board of Education hereby approves corrections to the agenda.

Second: Mr. White Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

RESO #26-03/22/2021
Adopt Revised Policy
#3230-E

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves the second reading and adopts revised Policy #3230-E – Organizational Chart Exhibit.

Second: Mr. Morris Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 Motion Carried
Unanimously

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Motion by Mrs. Bristol:

RESO #27-03/22/2021
Adopt Revised Policy
#5152

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves the second reading and adopts revised Policy #5152 – Non-resident Tuition.

Second: Mr. Morris

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

RESO #28-03/22/2021
Approve First Reading
of Policy #0101

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves the first reading of Policy #0101 – Gender Neutral Single-Occupancy Bathrooms.

Second: Mr. Morris

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

A motion to change the polling locations of the District was introduced by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mrs. Bristol. After a tie vote, the motion was defeated as follows:

RESO #29-03/22/2021

Mr. Shover – Aye

Mr. Cusack – Nay

Mr. Morris – Aye

Mrs. Cole – Nay

Mrs. Bristol – Aye

Mr. White – Nay

Motion Defeated

Dr. Abitabile stated his reason for wanting the Speigletown Firehouse polling location to Turnpike Elementary School is that school budget votes belong in school buildings. This year in particular, we would have more control over the safety of all who enter the building with following COVID guidelines. It will also be less expensive because we would be able to use our employees to help out with the additional COVID sanitizing.

Mr. White stated that he believes changing the voting location now would not allow for enough time to get the message out to voters.

Mr. James Spear arrived at the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Dr. Abitabile stated that the recommendation for the change in the calendar was to change the date of the Superintendent's Conference day to May 18, 2021 to allow for students to not be in the building while people were coming in to vote.

A motion to revise the 2020-2021 school calendar was asked to be tabled by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. Morris. The motion to table the agenda item was carried unanimously with a vote of 7-0.

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Motion by Mr. Morris:

**RESO #30-03/22/2021
Adopt 2021-2022
School Calendar**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby adopts the 2021-2022 School Calendar.

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

**RESO #31-03/22/2021
Adopt Revised Public
Health Emergency
Continuation of
Operations Plan**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby adopts the revised Public Health Emergency Continuation of Operations Plan dated February 4, 2021.

Second: Mr. Morris

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

**RESO #32-03/22/2021
Adopt Revised
District-Wide School
Safety Plan**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby adopts the revised District-Wide School Safety Plan dated February 26, 2021.

Second: Mr. Morris

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

**RESO #33-03/22/2021
Declare Necessity of
Wall Tile Replacement
at LHS**

WHEREAS, in June 2020, the District discovered wall tiles at Lansingburgh High School are falling from the walls, and similar conditions exist which pose similar exposure to failure.;

WHEREAS, the District's Architect has determined that the tiles in the hallways must be replaced to mitigate the safety concern;

WHEREAS, the deterioration of the tiles and substrate wall condition was an unforeseen circumstance that affects the District's property and threatens the health, safety and welfare of the students, staff and visitors of the Lansingburgh High School; and

WHEREAS, the wall tiles must be replaced immediately to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the students, staff and visitors of the Lansingburgh High School and cannot await competitive bidding;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the District as follows:

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1. The Board of Education hereby determines and declares that the above described occurrence and the condition thereby created constitutes an immediate public emergency within the meaning of General Municipal Law Section 103(4) arising out of an accident or other unforeseen occurrence or condition whereby circumstances affecting public buildings, public property or the life, health, safety or property of the students, staff and visitors of the Lansingburgh High School and other persons did and does require immediate remedial corrective action that cannot await public competitive bidding; and
2. Contracts for public work or the purchase of supplies, materials or equipment necessary to repair the wall tiles may be let by the Superintendent of the district, or her designee, without competitive bidding and by whatever means necessary to complete the work in the most practical manner in accord with applicable law and the best interests of the district; and
3. The Superintendent of the District, or her designee, be and is hereby authorized to negotiate and let the contract for repair of wall tile work in an amount not to exceed \$100,000; and
4. That all such expenditures made by authority of this resolution are ordinary contingent expenses.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately and shall also ratify previous actions undertaken by the District staff to implement the repair work and to preserve safety under the circumstances.

Second: Mr. Morris

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

LHS Update by Mr. Van Dervoort – see page 14.

KMS Update by Ms. Phelan – see pages 15-16.

RPES Update by Mrs. McGrouty (in the absence of Mr. Hopkins) – see page 17-18.

TES Update by Mr. Knox – see page 19.

By Rebecca McGrouty:

Professional Development	March 18 and 19 PD day <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ELA staff developers at TES, RPES, KMS
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BUILDING PRINCIPAL REPORTS

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science KMS • PE staff development on transition to new PE standards • Support staff - TSS training and de-escalation • Concurrent teaching training for special areas and TAs • LHS and KMS - curriculum mapping updates, ensuring that priority standards are in place for in-person learning • ENL - preparing for NYSESLAT or another form of assessment in that is not administered • Self-contained programs aligned vertically • Challenge - SEL
Assessments	3-8 testing, only administering Session 1 of ELA and Math. Only Science Written for 4and 8
Integration of Technology as an Instructional Tool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborated with Questar III to create and implement more resources for Assistive Technology - trained SpEd staff on AT Guide. • Worked with Questar III Model schools to make recommendations for Concurrent teaching model
UPK	Yearly monitoring and compliance due to state and federal funding. Desk audit was completed today, with many promising practices for the program and no corrective actions. Complimentary
Other	EPK/UPK Registration opened today. Screenings in spring

By Dr. Abitabile:

- We are hoping that New York State adopts the latest CDC guideline
- The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 provides \$122.7 billion for the existing Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund to remain available through Sept. 30, 2023.
 - States receive funds based upon the same proportion that each state receives under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Title-IA. State Education Agencies (SEAs) must distribute at least 90% of funds to local education agencies (LEAs) based on their proportional share of ESEA Title I-A funds.
- We are hoping for the State's Executive Budget to be passed on time.
- We have done a walk-through of Rensselaer Park with the architects to address the updates that are needed there.
- Interviews for the HR position are scheduled for March 29
- Interviews for the RPES Principal are scheduled for April 1.

**SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT**

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- We are putting together a plan for summer school for students in grades K-5 with 2 sections at each grade level. There will be more to follow on this in the coming weeks.

Motion by Mrs. Bristol :

RESO #34-03/22/2021
Executive Session

Be it resolved that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of contract negotiations.

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mrs. Bristol:

RESO #35-03/22/2021
Adjourn

Be it resolved this meeting of the Board of Education hereby adjourns at 8:47 p.m.

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Williams
Clerk to the Board of Education

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LHS Update by Mr. Van Dervoort

- All things revolve around the reopening. We have been working on making sure rooms are balanced specifically study halls and lunches
- Course requests are starting for next year/junior meetings
- Career and college preparation meetings
- Collecting scholarships
- Financial aid night
- Fire chief came and talked to classes about careers in the fire department / paramedics
- Reestablishing visitors- career visitors-new guidelines
- Senior meetings
- Sue Stoya in department meetings curriculum mapping
- LQBQ virtual movie night
- TSS- reconvening looking at how we can pick event back up
- Mentor/Ally programming person

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KMS School Improvement Report

Area of Focus	ELA	Math	SEL- Respect/Climate/Culture	Attendance	Parent Communication
Group	SCEP members: C. Buff C. Stockton ELA Department, AIS Department, SpEd Department	SCEP members: Lindsey Gibson E. McHargue, J. Nadeau Math Department	SCEP members: Z. Tacelli P Faseun K Mosconi A. Maguire C. Amodeo Climate Committee	SCEP members: E. Gordon A. Thomson M. Holdsworth Joe Otter Attendance committee	SCEP members: K. Debrosky A. Kilmer J. Pasinella Linda Lynch Family Advisory Committee through Shared Decision Making Committee
Initiatives/ Actions	Updated targeted student list, met with departments, teams will meet to discuss interventions and strategies for working with these students moving forward Discussed exit slips and the purpose of the data Teachers had time to update curriculum and work on creating common unit assessments Continued PD with	Updated targeted student list, met with departments, teams will meet to discuss interventions and strategies for working with these students moving forward Discussed exit slips and the purpose of the data Teachers had time to update curriculum and work on creating common unit assessments. Continued PD with Brian Rayman.	Parent Teacher Home Visit program to begin in the next 2 weeks. (New Pilot Program) SEL-Curriculum (2nd Step Grade 6, next year will expand Ally Program	Attendance Percentage for March Reopening 91% Student Interventions Attendance Intervention Plans with chronically absent students Continued parent attendance meetings when appropriate Implementation of in person check ins for students of concern attendance letters mailed home	*Teachers are continuing to contact parents/guardians and update their parent/guardian communication logs *Administration continues to check in with teams and emphasizes the importance of communication with families. Admin also offers assistance with contacting and communicating with families *We had our FAC meeting on 2/25/21 Family Feud/Trivia Night *Our 3rd KMS Newsletter is underway and will be shared digitally with

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	Kirsten Widmer				<p>families at the end of the 3rd quarter.</p> <p>*Our 3rd Newsletter will provide Parents/ Guardians with a reminder about their upcoming 4th quarter ongoing survey</p> <p>FOCUS GROUPS: Parent Student</p>
Benchmark	68% of grade 6-8 students will score a 70% or higher on the January Common Grade Level Benchmark	By January 2021 60% of students in grades 6, 7, and 8, will achieve an overall score of 70% or higher on the common grade level benchmark.	By January 2021, 85% of student will respond yes to the statement, "There is a teacher, counselor, or other staff member that I can talk to at school about any problem	20% or less of KMS students will be chronically absent in January 2021 than were chronically absent the year before.	77% or more of our families will respond, "Yes" to: "Staff members seek my input on how to best meet my child's needs."
End Goal	In 2020-2021 the school will achieve an ELA Academic Achievement Index of 95.1.	In 2020-2021, the school will achieve a Math Academic Achievement Index of 79.9.	By June 2021 the goal is for 90% of the student's respond yes to the statement "There is a teacher, counselor, or other staff member that I can talk to at school about any problem."	By June 2021 23% or less of our students will be chronically absent.	80% or more of our families will respond, "Yes" to: "Staff members seek my input on how to best meet my child's needs."

Additional Activities

Black History Month Poem Reading by students

KMS students write letters for local leaders to have a voice and speak out.

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03/22/2021 B.O.E. Meeting: RPES Updates

1) School Leadership: Absenteeism

A. Attendance Percentages:

- Overall Attendance:
 - 90.15%
- 30 Day Attendance Rate
 - 89.72 Since 2/22 Reopening (Previously **87.34%**)

B. Interventions:

- Attendance Certificates are given to chronically absent students who have 0 absences in a two week period. We are seeing an increase in the number of students who are earning Attendance Certificates. Below is the breakdown of chronically absent students who earned certificates over the past two weeks by grade level:
 - 3rd Grade: 16 students
 - 4th Grade: 13 students
 - 5th Grade: 12 students

2) Curriculum and Instruction:

A. i-Ready Standards Mastery (Reading and Math) week of 3/29

- Allow us to:
 - Measure specific grade level standards
 - Quickly identify when reteaching and remediation is needed after the standard is covered

B. New Teacher Meetings 4/19

- Year 1 Teachers meet with administrators quarterly
- Teachers meet with administrators and Curriculum TOSA to review and set individual goals

C. Professional Development:

- Erik Lepis, Literacy Network, Writing PD
 - 3/5, 3/17-3/19 3rd-5th Grade ELA teachers Curriculum Writing-UoS in Writing for the remainder of the year
 - Start and End Date
 - How will the Unit Unfold
 - Sequence of Teaching Points
- Karen Kohler, Questar ELA Specialist
 - 3/19: 3rd Grade ELA teacher and Special Education teacher, develop an interactive writing unit of study
 - 3/25: Modeling small group lessons in-person
- Melissa Macaluso, Questar Special Education Specialist,
 - 3/19: Special Education Teachers receive *Assistive Technology Training*

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- Dr. Clancy Seymour, NYS AHPERD
 - 3/198: Curriculum and Assessment Guidance Document Training
- Liz Mirra, Science Curriculum and Instruction PD
 - 3/18: 3rd -4th Grade Science Teachers- development of [CER](#) paragraphs
 - 3/19: 3rd-5th Grade Science Teachers-[Science and Engineering Practices PD](#)

D. NYS Testing

- Changes to test dates and format
- More information will be given by Mrs. McGrouty

3) *Social-Emotional Learning*

a. Virtual Calming Corner is Live!

- Available on RPES Webpage: [Calming Corner](#)

b. Parent Teacher Home Visit Program

- Joe Otter is working with the social worker and Assistant Principal to coordinate
- Potentially there will be virtual home visits in the Spring

c. Modified Protocols for Fire Drill and Lockdown

- [Fire drill Protocol](#)
- [Lockdown drill protocol](#)

4) *Parent and Student Engagement*

a. Picture Day 3/23/21

- Thanks to the PTA for organizing and overseeing with COVID Protocols!
- Photos will be used for the yearbook

b. Virtual Technology Knight 3/26/21

- The PTA is hosting a family event to discuss Smart Technology use

c. Meteorologist Visit

- Spectrum News 9 Meteorologist Ryan Finn will be visiting Mr. Gregoire and Mrs. Fasano's homerooms on 3/25.
- Mr. Finn will hold a Google Meet to discuss his job and what environmental factors leads to severe weather patterns

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Principal's Report
3.22.2021

Attendance:

1. UPK: 91.09%
2. K: 83.90%
3. 1: 85.96%
4. 2: 85.87%
5. Overall: 86.34% up 5% this month

The attendance committee is still meeting regularly.

Encouraged by the 3 feet guidance. Hopefully, we can continue to bring back more students

Curriculum and Instruction

1. Superintendent Conference Day - Last week
 - i. Social Studies Curriculum Map
 - ii. Year at a Glance
 - iii. Writing Map Updates

Social and Emotional Learning

1. What are some simple gestures for students and families?
 - a. We will have a list of Simple Gestures of Kindness for the students
2. Self-Care
3. Calming Areas
4. Behavior Management Strategies/Practice Classroom

School Leadership

1. Committee re-structuring
2. Wrapping up Chromebook collection
 - a. Thank you Gina and Kelly
3. PTA donations - Yoga Mats