

**MINUTES
LASALLE-PERU TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #120
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2024, 3:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Carol Alcorn, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Committee Chair, Mrs. Carol Alcorn, Dr. Rose Marie Lynch, and Mrs. Gary Ferrari

ABSENT:

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Steven Wroblewski, Superintendent, Ms. Kate Lance, Associate Principal for School Safety, Mr. Steve Hanson, Athletic Director, and Jennifer Riva, Board Secretary

REVIEW AND APPROVE OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 12, 2023, COMMITTEE MEETING

MOTION by Dr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Ferrari, to approve minutes from December 12, 2023, Committee Meeting. Voting Aye Dr. Lynch, Mr. Ferrari, and Mrs. Alcorn. Voting Nay: none. **The motion carried.**

PRESS POLICY ISSUE 114 (MARCH 2024) – 1st READING

The Policy Committee discussed the PRESS Update Memo on new policies, revisions to policies, footnotes, legal references, cross references, rewritten responses, exhibit updates, and administrative procedures that were recommended. Mrs. Alcorn asked the committee if there were any questions. The committee is in support of the recommended updates.

ACCEPT TO RECOMMEND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE THE PRESS POLICY ISSUE 114 (MARCH 2024) - 1st READING

MOTION by Dr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Ferrari, to accept to recommend the Board of Education approve Press Policy Issue Update 114 (March 2024), as presented. Voting Aye Dr. Lynch, Mr. Ferrari, and Mrs. Alcorn. Voting Nay: none. **The motion carried.**

CELL PHONE/ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY RECOMMENDATION

Dr. Wroblewski provided an overview of the community forum on May 8th, along with input from staff, parents, and community members. The response has been overwhelmingly positive.

ACCEPT TO RECOMMEND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE CELL PHONE /ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY RECOMMENDATION

MOTION by Mr. Ferrari, seconded by Dr. Lynch, to accept to recommend the Board of Education approve the Cell Phone/Electronic Device Policy recommendation, as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Ferrari, Dr. Lynch, and Mrs. Alcorn. Voting Nay: none. **The motion carried.**

ATHLETIC CUT POLICY RECOMMENDATION

Dr. Wroblewski and Mr. Hanson held discussions with varsity coaches to address the challenges they encounter at the freshman level due to the increased number of athletes in baseball, basketball, and softball, which has extended 30 participants. This situation poses difficulties in effectively managing students during practice sessions and equitable time. The proposal presented extends the varsity cut policy to all athletic levels and implements a soft cap of 24 student-athletes in baseball, softball, and basketball. Additionally, there is a proposal to enhance our intramural program that will encompass competitive programs in the fall, winter, and spring seasons. Specifically, we propose introducing a coed flag football season in the fall, a coed winter basketball season, and a spring coed 16-inch slow-pitch softball season. These programs will include provision of t-shirts, a playoff series, and the crowning of champions. The Policy Committee is in support of the recommendation.

ACCEPT TO RECOMMEND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE ATHLETIC CUT POLICY RECOMMENDATION

MOTION by Mr. Ferrari, seconded by Dr. Lynch, to accept to recommend the Board of Education approve the Athletic Cut Policy recommendation, as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Ferrari, Dr. Lynch, and Mrs. Alcorn. Voting Nay: none. **The motion carried.**

EXTENDED WEDNESDAYS RECOMMENDATION (REPLACES SATURDAY SCHOOLS)

Ms. Kate Lance recommended eliminating Saturday School and replacing it with the Extended Wednesday Program. Wednesday is our Early Out day and moving Saturday School to Wednesday will increase attendance, streamline the discipline process, and enhance student experience. Senate Bill 100 changed the suspension protocols, which has diminished Saturday School as an effective tool to change student misbehavior. Students assigned an Extended Wednesday will be required to stay to serve their consequence. There will be 1, 2, and 3-hour assignments. The district will consider possible transportation home. The Policy Committee recommends the Board adopt the proposal.

ACCEPT TO RECOMMEND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE EXTENDED WEDNESDAYS RECOMMENDATION (REPLACES SATURDAY SCHOOLS)

MOTION by Dr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Ferrari, to accept to recommend the Board of Education approve Extended Wednesday's recommendation, as presented. Voting Aye Dr. Lynch, Mr. Ferrari, and Mrs. Alcorn. Voting Nay: none. **The motion carried.**

SCHOOL DETENTIONS RECOMMENDATION

Ms. Kate Lance has proposed reducing after-school detentions from 60 to 30 minutes. The modification will reduce confusion for both students and administrative staff when managing paperwork related to students who have partially served their detention, Students will be allowed to serve a full detention either before or after school. The policy would go into effect the 2024-2025 school year. The Policy Committee recommends the Board adopt the proposal.

ACCEPT TO RECOMMEND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE SCHOOL DETENTIONS RECOMMENDATION

MOTION by Mr. Ferrari, seconded by Dr. Lynch, to accept to recommend the Board of Education approve the School Detention recommendation, as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Ferrari, Dr. Lynch, and Mrs. Alcorn. Voting Nay: none. **The motion carried.**

2024-2025 STUDENT HANDBOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

If adopted by the Board of Education, the Cell Phone/Electronic Device Policy, Athletic Cut Policy, Extended Wednesdays, School Detentions will be added to the handbook. The remaining student handbook updates include date and name changes and spelling corrections.

ACCEPT TO RECOMMEND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE THE 2024-2025 STUDENT HANDBOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

MOTION by Mr. Ferrari, seconded by Dr. Lynch, to accept to recommend the Board of Education approve the 2024-2025 Student Handbook recommendations, as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Ferrari, Dr. Lynch, and Mrs. Alcorn. Voting Nay: none. **The motion carried.**

OTHER


Dr. Wroblewski informed the committee that the threat assessment process and safety protocols will undergo review this summer.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Dr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Ferrari, to adjourn. All in favor, Aye. **Time: 4:58 p.m.**



Mrs. Carol Alcorn
Committee Chair


Mrs. Jennifer Riva
Board Secretary