

# LAMPETER-STRASBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Lampeter, Pennsylvania 17537

Academic Committee Meeting Minutes

November 4, 2024

Mr. Matthew Parido called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Board Members, Mrs. Melissa S. Herr, Mr. Matthew E. Parido, Mrs. Suzanne S. Knowles, Mr. Dean E. McComsey, Mrs. Kristin M. Staley, Mrs. Kari A. Steinbacher, Mr. Andrew L. Welk; Superintendent, Dr. Kevin S. Peart; Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Andrew M. Godfrey; Community Members, Mrs. Amanda Schlee and Mrs. Kristina Szoke.

## ACADEMIC COMMITTEE ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

### 1. Lampeter-Strasburg High School Course Proposals

- a. Advanced Literacy for College and Career (English Department Elective)
- b. Introduction to Forensics (Science Elective)

Dr. Godfrey presented two new high school course proposals, Advanced Literacy for College and Career (English) and Introduction to Forensics (Science), both electives in their perspective departments. Both courses are designed to provide students with additional elective options to complete the required four credits in either English or Science for graduation. Dr. Godfrey shared that both departments are trying to expand offerings for students with new and engaging courses. The Committee was fully supportive of recommending both courses of study to the full Board of Directors for approval at the December 5, 2024, meeting.

### 2. Lampeter-Strasburg High School Course Guide Updates

Dr. Godfrey provided the Committee with an overview of updated changes for the 2025-2026 Lampeter-Strasburg High School Course Guide. Dr. Godfrey reviewed the newly recommended courses and courses suggested for removal. The full course guide will be recommended for approval at the December 5, 2024, meeting of the Board of Directors.

### 3. 2023-2024 PSSA / Keystone Achievement Data Review

Dr. Godfrey shared with the Committee an overview of the 2023-2024 PSSA and Keystone Data for English Language Arts (K-8), Mathematics (K-8), and Algebra I, Biology, and Literature at the high school. The Committee was able to see school-wide and grade level data and compare it to past years. State averages for achievement were also shared. Dr. Godfrey also presented the PSSA data for all significant subgroups.

### 4. Policy Updates

- a. Policy 124 Alternative Instruction
- b. Policy 125 Adult Education
- c. Policy 126 Class Size

Dr. Godfrey presented the above policies, including any administrative regulation, for review to the Committee. There were no recommended changes from the Pennsylvania School Boards Association. There were no comments or questions related to these policies.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.