

LNSU/LNMUUSD Curriculum Committee Meeting 11/11/24

Meeting was called to order at 5:17 p.m.

Members present: Amy Listenik, Monica Stearns, Phil Kiely, Kyley Hill, Tina Lowe Kim Hunt, Bethann Pirie, , Jan Epstein, Diane Reilly, Betzi Goodman

The group approved the agenda and there was no public comment.

Kim provided a handout outlining the courses the committee approved last spring. Most are up and running with good attendance including: AP Environmental Science, Robotics, AP US History, Fantasy Literature, AP Statistics, and Lancer TV. Some of these equal college credits for our students. American Sign Language, AP Physics, and AP Physics C Mechanics were not offered.

Kim spoke briefly about Act 139. It is a law, passed in Vermont in May, that supports young readers and aims to improve literacy for all students. There are four components: Early Identification (requires schools to screen students, K-3, annually for reading deficits); Evidence-Based Instruction (requires schools to provide students struggling in reading with evidence-based instruction); Teacher Preparation (requires licensed teachers to complete literacy-focused professional development); and Parent Communication (requires schools to inform parents and caregivers of potential deficits in reading within 30 days). The State also launched Read Vermont which supports educators and caregivers in helping kids develop literacy skills.

Kim showed the group a sample of the new report card format. Everyone, including the principals who were present, agreed that they are very overwhelming and wordy. The language is good for teachers, but needs to be refined for families.

Kim asked for questions or comments. Monica asked how to login to Infinite Campus. Earlier this fall, a link was sent out to parents, but it will go out again. Bethann shared that some students did the math on how much we spend on sending hard copies of progress reports, etc. It turned out to be a pretty substantial sum. Infinite Campus will help cut these costs once families start using this resource.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

*Minutes submitted by Tina Lowe*