

MINUTES
LASALLE-PERU TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #120
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2026, 3:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Committee Chair, Mrs. Carol Alcorn and Mrs. Chris Krzyaniak

ABSENT: Mr. Gary Ferrari (arrived at 3:40p.m.)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Clayton J. Theisinger, Superintendent, Mrs. Jennifer Riva, Board Secretary

REVIEW AND APPROVE OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 15, 2026, COMMITTEE MEETING

MOTION by Mrs. Krzyaniak, seconded by Mrs. Alcorn, to approve minutes from April 15, 2026, Committee Meeting. Voting Aye Mrs. Krzyaniak, and Mrs. Alcorn. Voting Nay: none. **The motion carried.**

PRESS POLICY ISSUE 122 – 1st READING

Dr. Theisinger provided an overview of the policies due for first reading and reviewed the PRESS Update Memo with the committee, including policies, exhibits, and administrative procedures. The following items were discussed:

- Policy 2:230 – Recommendation to change public comments from five minutes to three minutes.
The committee discussed a recommendation to amend Policy 2:230 to reduce the allotted time for individual public comments from five minutes to three minutes. Further discussion is needed before a recommendation can be finalized, as committee members expressed differing opinions regarding the proposed change.
- Exhibit 7:330 – Redefines the request for use of space by students to be a “non-curriculum related student group”
This language reflects legislation emphasizing the importance of providing equitable access to school spaces. The District will remain mindful when defining a non-school sponsored group and what access to facilities must be provided.

DRUG TESTING PROGRAM

Dr. Theisinger updated the committee that in September 2025, the Board of Education approved modifications to the following policies to include saliva samples as part of the District’s Random Drug Testing Program:

- Policy 7:240 – Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities
- Policy 7:240 AP2 – Administrative Procedure
- Policy 7:240 AP2-E1 – Consent to Participate in Extracurricular Drug and Alcohol Testing Program

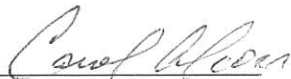
Despite the approval, the District has not formally implemented the policy changes or the Random Drug Testing Program for the 2026-2027 school year. The projected cost to conduct testing through OSF HealthCare for the 2026-2027 school year is \$6,400, based on testing 10 students per month. Implementation is projected for September, with a firm deadline to administer testing in October.

OTHER

Dr. Theisinger updated the committee that an AI policy is on the agenda for this school year, with Mrs. Cushing and himself taking the lead. He shared that the District already subscribes to the free Google Gemini platform and discussed some of its benefits. Google Gemini was one of the platforms discussed

during the initial AI Committee meetings last year. More information will be forthcoming as administration discussions continue.

MOTION by Mrs. Krzyaniak, seconded by Mr. Ferrari, to adjourn. Voting Aye: Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Ferrari, and Mrs. Alcorn. Voting Nay: none. **The motion carried. Time 3:58 p.m.**



Mrs. Carol Alcorn
Committee Chair



Mrs. Jennifer Riva
Board Secretary