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Lacey Township School District Board of Education Curriculum Committee Meeting

***Curriculum, Special Education, Health & Wellness,
Community Relations, LTEA Liaison, Technology***

Minutes - Thursday, January 13, 2022
5:00 PM - [Board Office](#)

Call to Order: 5:00 pm

Members Present: Linda Downing - Chairperson
Donna McAvoy - Committee Member
Frank Palino - Committee Member
Vanessa P. Clark - Superintendent
William Zylinski, Assistant Superintendent

Members Absent: n/a

Curriculum

- Start Strong Assessment Results (reported at the February Board Meeting) - Mr. Zylinski shared results and samples of parental Start Strong assessment results that will be mailed home in the next few weeks.
- Road Forward Revision (quarantine and isolation timeframes) - Mr. Zylinski informed the committee that the Road Forward Plan will be revised to include the new CDC guidelines that reduces quarantine to 5 days. The committee also discussed live streaming instruction for students who are quarantined across all grade levels.
- 2020 Standards Curriculum Writing (Spring & Summer 2022) - Mr. Zylinski led a discussion about spring and summer curriculum writing to update all curriculum guides in all subjects in all grades.
- New High School Courses - Mr. Zylinski informed the committee that three new course proposals have been written for consideration for September implementation:

- Computer Science Discoveries (New Course)
 - Introduction to Python (New Course)
 - Computer Science Fundamentals (New Course)
- Block Scheduling (AB Block for AP Classes) - High School Administration is currently exploring an A/B cycle for all AP classes to better prepare students for the AP exam.
 - Master Schedule - Mr. Zylinski shared that planning for master schedules will begin in early February.
 - Parent Survey (results) - Mr. Zylinski shared the Parent Survey results from the survey that was sent to the entire school community in December. The purpose of the survey was to seek parent input to assist the district in creating student programs that offer support, including but not limited to, after-school academic assistance, additional counseling availability, summer enrichment programs, summer academic programs, and parent workshops.
 - Guidance Update - Mr. Zylinski led a discussion about changes that have occurred in the High School Guidance Department, including,
 - Updated website with current information on Guidance staff, as well as creation of its own College and Career Readiness section.
 - Reached out to all College/University contacts that we had on file to ensure we had the most up-to-date information, as well as ask for new brochures, pennants, materials for the College and Career Readiness Resource Center. Also continuing to go through historical data to see if the colleges where our students are applying to most are included in that list.
 - Creation of Junior Naviance Meeting presentation (parent and student versions) to ensure students have access and know how to navigate it. Included career exploration and college search functions in detail. Currently working on schedule for in-school student presentations and an evening parent meeting.
 - Creation of two surveys, one for teachers regarding scheduling best practices and how we can collaborate to reach the most students, and one for parents to ask what their needs/wants are and also scheduling preferences.
 - Begin stages of planning Financial Aid Event; contacted OCC to see what they are currently offering and will be in touch with in-house teacher (Pollino) who did a presentation in the Fall. Also looking to offer a night a week for individual or small group meetings to provide more personalized help.
 - **Mr. Zylinski will provide the Board with an update on the new programs that the new HS counselor is offering to students.**

Special Education

- Preschool Master Teacher (New hire) - Mr. Zylinski provided the committee with an update about the recommendation for the Preschool Master Teacher position.

Technology

- New Student Information System: discussion

Community Relations

- Listen and Learn (Rotary 1/11/22)

LTEA

- Health Aids

Health and Wellness -

- Late Buses Restoration for LTHS, LTMS, MPS (Jan 31st)

Other

- Grant Writer
- Budget Workshop - April 6, 2022
- Board Meeting Location to Middle School
- Board Meeting Remote Participation
 - Frank felt that it's a good idea to allow it just during the pandemic
 - Donna good
 - Linda good
- Adding Superintendent Comments in outline
- P0167
- P0171 - Hold

Adjournment: At approximately 7:00 pm

Next Meeting:

Submitted By:

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