

The School District of Lee County

Curriculum Advisory Committee

February 26, 2018

6:00 p.m. – Training Room D

Meeting Minutes

Mission Statement:

To advise the School Board by recommending approaches to obtaining improved student achievement for all students through a coherent, rigorous academic course of study that provides the tools necessary to succeed in today's society. Emphasis will be placed on the dynamic development of a K-12 curriculum within a safe environment leading to both career and technical majors, the methods of instruction used to implement it, and the assessments of its effectiveness, together with a complementary professional development program to support it.

Committee Members Present: Dawn Drello-Thompson, Matthew Fredrickson, April Ketron, Linda Lally, Dr. Kelly Lavis, Goldye Meyer, Karen Watson, Ken Weaver, Sandra Wright

Committee Members Absent: Thomas R. Busatta (unexcused), Joseph Camputaro (excused), Carolyn Feldmann (unexcused), Liliana Guerra-Cannata (unexcused), John Heck (unexcused), Dr. Larry Tihen (unexcused), Stephen Whitener (unexcused), Judy Wilkerson (unexcused)

School Board Liaison Present: Cathleen Morgan

Staff Members Present: Susan Zellers

Recording Secretary: Karen Hall

Presenters: Dr. Helen Martin, Dr. Wanda Creel

Welcome and Introduction of Members

The meeting was called to order by April Ketron at 6:04 pm welcoming all committee members and guests. Committee Members introduced themselves to the committee.

Review of Mission Statement and Purpose of Committee

April reviewed the mission statement and reminded everyone of the purpose of the committee.

Reading and Approval of Agenda of February 26, 2018 agenda

There was a motion to amend the current agenda by Karen Watson to add the discussion of the previous meeting on agenda motions which is not reflected on the current agenda. Motion was accepted to amend and approve agenda. Discussion of those two motions will be added to the agenda after the Board Member report.

Reading and Approval of January 22, 2018 minutes

There was a motion to approve the minutes as presented by Ken Weaver which was seconded and all voted to approve.

Public Comment

None.

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Board Member Report

The Board is focusing on 2 main factors:

1. Sales Tax Referendum: We have a pack actively engaging members of the community and are trying to raise money. They estimate between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000 to market this referendum in part because of everything else that will be on the ballot in November.
2. Safety and Security: We have had more security presence on campuses. We do not know how long that will last. We have a very good working relationship with the Sheriff's Office. I also have a great deal of confidence in our SRO's. Legislature had before one of its committees today a couple of amendments to make schools safer. We have long wanted more security in our schools. The current estimate to upgrade is 1 million dollars but my guess is that will go up. A Rapid Response Team was sent out to schools to talk to parents, principals and teachers concerned about specific situations at their schools.

Support and Plan for Retaining Teachers

Dr. Helen Martin, Assistant Director of Professional Development presented a PowerPoint on Support and Plan for Retaining Teachers.

Strategic Plan Goal is to increase retention of effective/highly effective employees.

The factors for supporting teacher retention are: School Culture, Compensation and Training & Support.

Continuum of Support for: Leadership, Recruitment and Professional Development

Professional Developments approach is in Learning, Mentoring, Consultation, Practice, Study/Improve and Reflection

Professional Developments strategies are to: Train Teachers, Administrators, Partnerships, Institutes of Higher Education and Grow your own. From there the teachers will have Career Changer Academies and Compliance Assistance. Our Partnerships will assist with Institutes of High Education to place interns, students/paraprofessionals.

Curriculum Vision

Dr. Wanda Creel, Chief Academic Officer of Academic Services presented a PowerPoint on Growing the Lee County Graduates Graduating Classes.

Celebrations: Visiting Schools, Paperless Meeting Platforms, Establishing Partnerships, School Counseling Services and offering fulltime programs on Technical Colleges while completing their high school graduation requirements virtually.

Focusing on High Impact Strategies in Instructional Planning, Rigor, Safety & Behavior and Instructional Coaching & Monitoring along with Collaborative Leadership, Student Engagement and Performance & Accountability.

Another Focus will be on Teaching & Learning in Elementary School Curriculum and Secondary School Curriculum which includes STEM (District), Early Childhood, MTSS, ESE, ESOL, CTE & Adult Education, Performing Arts and Instructional Technology.

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Academic Services Consistent Practices are Teaching & Learning Playbook, Early Warning System, Graduation Tracker, Lee County Balanced Literacy Framework, and Math Progression Plan for Middle Schools, District/School-wide Positive Behavior Plan, Kindergarten Screener, Learning Labs and strengthening our partnerships with our Charter School.

Actions and Next Step

Will hold these discussions for the next meeting

Good of Order

Dr. Seuss's Birthday. Celebrating different activities each day for Dr. Suess.

Motion to end the meeting at 7:47 by April Ketron seconded by Ken Weaver and all voted to adjourn