

The School District of Lee County

Curriculum Advisory Committee September 21, 2015 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: David Adorno, Elizabeth Blundo, Angela Campbell, Kathleen Cherasia, Connie Dennis, Tammy LaBelle, Kelly Lavis, Patti Lochner, John Steakley, Stephen Whitener, Sandra Worth, Judy Wilkerson

Committee Members Absent: Christine Cartaya, Adrienne Felger, Tara Gillon, Cathy Trent (excused)

School Board Liaison Present: Pam LaRiviere

Staff Members Present: Brandy Macchia and Melissa Robery

Recording Secretary: Jamie Fowler

Guests: Dr. Adkins, Lori Fayhee, Betsy Vaughn

Welcome and Introduction of Members

The meeting was called to order by Pam LaRiviere at 6:03 pm, welcoming Dr Adkins, all members and guests. Committee Members went around and introduced themselves.

Reading & Approval of Minutes from May 18, 2015 meeting

Pam LaRiviere asked everyone to review minutes from the May 18th meeting and asked if there were any additions or changes. Kathleen Cherasia made a motion to approve the minutes and Patti Lochner seconded the motion.

Review & Approval of Agenda for September 21, 2015

The agenda was approved.

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Elections for Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

Pam LaRiviere is going to send a link to Jamie Fowler to forward to all committee members. The video is a presentation done by Mr. Keith Martin that reviews all the committee policies.

Kathleen Cherasia nominated Patti Lochner for Chairperson, John Steakley seconded. There were no additional nominations for chairperson. All voted and elected Patti Lochner as the Chairperson.

Kathleen Cherasia nominated Judy Wilkerson for Vice Chairperson. Judy Wilkerson deferred nomination to Kathleen Cherasia. David Adorno nominated himself for Vice Chairperson. Elizabeth Blundo seconded David Adorno's nomination. Members voted and David Adorno was elected Vice Chairperson with 8 votes and Kathleen Cherasia with 3.

Board Member Report

Pam LaRiviere reviewed the purpose of the Parking Lot. Questions, suggestions and Kudos can be added to the Parking Lot to be reviewed and addressed appropriately.

Pam LaRiviere attended last week's DAC meeting in place of Mr. Steven Teuber. Dr. Short reviewed the platform for Chromebooks. \$30.00 will cover the cost of the platform for 3 years. We are still in the process of training staff. The majority of teacher responses have been positive on the Chromebook and students use.

There is much excitement for Dr Adkins taking the lead as the Superintendent.

Pam LaRiviere will be meeting with the Legislative advocate next week. Some of the items that she wants to address are:

- Make sure federal level is positive
- State mandates - possibly loosen some of the requirements like assessments
- Make sure Title I school funds stay the same
- Make sure we have everything for students; resources, Paraprofessionals or other assistance as needed

Pam LaRiviere was invited by Marshall Bower to meet with Legislative representatives the following week to go over a joint grant that focuses on closing the gap. She will be able to share some of our successes and learn from others. She hopes that grant will continue.

Determine Public Comment Guidelines

The committee came to consensus that:

- Public comment will take place at the end of the agenda.
- 15 minutes for public comment at the end of the meeting and each person speaking will get 3 minutes to speak.

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Public Comment

Lori Fayhee shared her Facebook page *Teaching not Testing*, she also shared that parents are concerned about concept tests weighing at 30% of a student's grade and checkpoints weighing at 25% of their grade according to a report made by another parent.

Future Meeting Dates

All meeting dates will take place at the Lee County School District Building in Training Room D 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

October 19, 2015

March 21, 2016

November 16, 2015

April 18, 2016

January 11, 2016

May 16, 2016

February 8, 2016

Review of Mission Statement and Purpose of Committee

Need to have a positive working relationship with the Board and the committee should be responsive to what the Board wants

The Committee has asked that Pam LaRiviere go to the Board members and ask the following

- What does the committee advise on?
- What does the board want to know?
- Can recommendation or motions can be tabled to a later date on important issues?
- What Curriculum suggestions?

Selection of Topics for Future Committee Meetings

Melissa Robery and Brandy Macchia reviewed the Parking Lot as something used to make suggestions, questions, and give kudos, Patti will then present those to the committee for possible future agenda topics.

The Board has requested that the committee review the textbooks GO Math and AP American History textbooks and make recommendations to the Board regarding the use of these resources.

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Good of the Order

John Steakly stated, as a committee we should be able to communicate to all of the constituencies and give them a way to submit opinions or questions.

Meeting ended at 7:42 pm. The next meeting will take place on October 19, 2015 at 6:00 pm at the Lee County School District office in Training Room D.