

The School District of Lee County

Curriculum Advisory Committee

Monday, August 20, 2018

6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

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: Thomas R. Busatta, Joseph Camputaro, Dr. Wanda Creel, Liliana Guerra-Cannata, April Ketron, Dr. Kelly Lavis, Dr. Goldye Meyer, Cathleen Morgan, Dr. Larry Tihen, Karen Watson, Ken Weaver, Dr. Judy Wilkerson, Stephen Whitener and Sandra Wright

Committee Members Absent: Linda Lally , Dawn Drello-Thompson, Carolyn Feldmann, Matthew Fredrickson, John Heck

School Board Liaison Present: Cathleen Morgan

Staff Members Present: Dr. Bethany Quisenberry

Recording Secretary: Helen Hernandez

Presenter: Dr. Larry Tihen

Welcome and Introduction of Members

The meeting was called to order by April Ketron at 6:00 pm. A welcome introduction of all committee members and guests. A collaborate link remained open.

Reading and Approval of Agenda of September 17, 2018 agenda

There was a motion to approve the current agenda by Dr. Kelly Lavis which was seconded by Stephen Whitener and approved by all.

Reading and Approval of August 20, 2018 minutes

A motion to approve minutes as presented by Mr. Ken Weaver which was seconded by Dr Kelly Lavis and approved by all.

Review of Mission Statement and Purpose of Committee

April Ketron reviewed the mission statement. Dr. Larry Tihen led a presentation to explore ideas for a more structured process which would result in a more effective Advisory Committee.

Public Comment

None

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Board Member Report

Board member, Cathleen Morgan gave us a short overview on several topics and on the beginning of the school year. First, the school year has started off great. She mentioned talking to two union leadership members, on remarks that they have had no complaints like in the past years. It seems that everyone seems to know what they are doing, what their role is, and how to do it and that is a good feeling.

Tax, ½ cent tax committee members continue to meet and explore ideas on how to raise money. Signs are going up after the primary next week. We would like to put up signs in and around the area. Related to that, Matt Caldwell, from the Lee County delegation wrote into a statute that any school district going for a referendum must go through an audit. The audit must be posted on the website 60 days before the referendum. Hired auditors came in and audited us. I will be meeting with Dr. Atkins and members of the financial office. Auditors are looking to find out something, but I feel the district is in good shape. It will be posted on the website by September 6.

One more thing, there are four of seven school board seats available, so please vote. This is an important election.

Power Point Presentation:

Presentation given by Dr. Larry Tihen on a structured process for effectively making contributions to the “Advisory Committee”.

Next topic of Discussion:

A more structured and effective advisory committee—what does the board wants us to focus on:

Ms. Morgan would like to focus on 2 major problems that the district needs to work on. How to effectively support the following issues:

- [** 1. ESOL Students – English language learners’ challenges in the classroom
- 2. Poverty within the school district – students facing difficult situations when it comes to education
- 3. Pre-K –
 - How to get kids school readiness?
- 4. ESE –
 - Exceptional students
 - Inclusion
 - Mentoring and Tutoring can make them successful.

Good of the Order:

Guest speakers, Dr. Adkins and Mr. Dodig.

Next Advisory Committee Meeting, Monday, September 17

- Approving meeting dates for the next 12 meetings for the CUAC

Adjourned- 7:25 pm.