

## **Superintendent's Lay Advisory Council Meeting (Zoom)**

**May 10, 2021**

### **Minutes**

#### Members:

Dr. Robin Felty, Superintendent  
Meghan Eckert (MS), Chairperson  
Caryl Buffa (HS), Secretary  
Anne Beecher (HS)  
Lynn Fyfe (HS)  
Renee Suydam (HS)  
Amy Barrell (MS)  
Jill Speizer (MS)  
Elizabeth O'Brien (MS)  
Noe Juarez (MS)  
Rosamund Mische John (LRIS)  
Kim Romano (LRIS)  
Jill Milton (Brecht)  
Allyson Gibson (Bucher)  
Sharee Livingston Anderson (Bucher)  
Jackie Wachinski (Bucher)  
Michelle Rondinelli (Neff)  
Denise Rosario (Neff)  
Jenine Nicholas (Nitrauer)  
Nancy Izquieta (Nitrauer)  
Leslee Forman (Reidenbaugh)  
Meghan Keller (Reidenbaugh)  
Olivia Greuter (Schaeffer)  
Jessica Kahler (Schaeffer)

#### Members Absent:

Heather Wright (HS)  
Steve Kemper (LRIS)  
Cindy Zeyak (LRIS)  
Julia Kamanda (Brecht) – with regrets  
Dan Nyiri (Brecht) – with regrets  
Meredith Steidler (Neff) – with regrets  
Stephanie Ruth (Nitrauer)  
Becky Trayers (Schaeffer) – with regrets

Guests: Elizabeth Ziegler; Sharon Schaefer, Director of Elementary Curriculum & Instruction; Courtney Nowak, Assistant Director of Pupil Services; Dale Reimann Assistant Superintendent

Call to Order

- Meeting began 6:30 pm.

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I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Minutes from March 2021 approved

III. College and Career Readiness Planning – Elizabeth Ziegler

- MTSD College, Career, Life Ready – “Profile of a Graduate” presentation
  1. Career Readiness at MTSD K-12
  2. Career Ready Lancaster
- Know your Interests starting at Elementary
  - Counseling and morning meetings
- Explore opportunities at Middle School
  - New advisory block 21-22 year
- Plan and Execute in High School
  - Graduation requirements, advisory, freshman academy
- State Goals and addressing Career Ready Skills
- Working with CRL! Career Ready Lancaster with local businesses
  - Top 5 traits MT Graduates will have to get a certificate
- Local companies will tell students what they are looking for.
- Discussion about program and ideas followed

IV. Governor’s Recent Updates to Mitigation Orders – Dr Felty

- District was taken by surprise too that orders are lifted after Memorial Day, except for mask wearing, as was PA Dept of Ed
- Waiting on guidance from PA DOE, what are we doing about dashboard cases, will reporting and contract tracing continue.
- HS graduation update went out during meeting

- What will happen next year is still unknown, if nothing changes over summer there will only be 2 options. Will know by end of school year.
- MTSD is a Red Cross Site so would be open to hosting a vaccination site.

#### V. PTO Sharing – Reflections & Questions

- Funding coming from Government – Learning Lost Piece, existing expenditures not new projects. One time money
- LR PTO, how the school wants to reinvigorate parent involvement
  1. hoping done through lifting restrictions and get parents back into the buildings.
- HS, rationale behind new grading policy going into effect next year weighing summative assessments as 70% of each quarter.
  1. Assessment framework and guidelines was presented to board over a year ago, April 2019. Dr Reinman will provide presentation. Due to Covid it was delayed until 21-22.
- HS, can families who have been fortunate during pandemic wants to reach out to those who had fewer resources to navigate challenges. Find a way to give back to students adversely impacted by pandemic through volunteer options.
  1. Getting volunteers back in school will help younger grades
  2. Social Workers have been working with families allocating resources to help with groceries and electricity.
  3. Lancaster Ministry has been pooling resources too and help distributed as needed through the district.
- Reidenbaugh & HS, parents want to see graduation walks again this year
- MS, concern about usage about iPads. If all kids are playing video games then going to school with technology will there be a decrease in usage.

1. Will be reviewed, and hopefully return to pre-Covid levels
  2. Maintain healthy balance
  3. Time stamps on items being submitted should not be 11:59pm for 7<sup>th</sup> graders.
  4. Typing suggestions so help kids get work done easier on iPads
- MS, Attendance during COVID has been challenging. Can there be a better way to keep attendance so student can remain home if potentially infected without negative impact.
    1. Has been felt across multiple districts and not comfortable how it was being done have been trying to adhere to policy guidelines. Hope that it will be resolved next year and this year district is willing to work with families being affected. Families should reach out to school on individual basis.
  - Professional Development – covid keepers, what did they learn that worked well and should keep doing.
  - MS, 8<sup>th</sup> grade celebration is different this year, but there is plans for some recognition for those leaving the middle school this year.
    1. Support for the struggles and changes for these students.
    2. Irritated that new school is taking priority and no recognition for students
  - Land Use and Development numbers affecting proposed numbers in schools
    1. <https://lanastercountypa.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=bb0e1ad02b154201b5fb6ec251c06c4d>

#### VI. SLAC items

- Recognize those leaving: Noe Juarez MS, Lynn Fyfe HS, Jessica Kahler Schaeffer
- Did members reach out to Parent FB pages, effective?
- Elections – will look at this in the Fall with alignment of membership changes

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Adjournment

- Meeting ended at 8:21 PM, with a motion

Have a Wonderful Summer!

If transitioning up reach out to the Building Principal to see if they have a need for SLAC members.