

**Superintendent's Lay Advisory Council Meeting
September 20, 2021
Minutes**

Members:

Dr. Robin Felty, Superintendent
Meghan Eckert (MS), Chairperson
Caryl Buffa (HS), Secretary
Marissa Kmiec (HS)
Elizabeth O'Brien (HS)
Jill Speizer (HS)
Moniqua Acosta (MS)
Carrie Evans (MS)
Sharee Livingston Anderson (MS)
Jessica Kahler (LRIS)
Steve Kemper (MS)
Rosamund Mische John (LRIS)
Kim Romano (LRIS)
Dan Nyiri (Brecht)
Jadie Catania (Bucher)
Allyson Gibson (Bucher)
Jackie Wachinski (Bucher)
Jenine Nicholas (Nitrauer)
Nancy Izquieta (Nitrauer)
Stephanie Ruth (Nitrauer)
Carolyn Garneau (Reidenbaugh)
Melissa Grosh (Reidenbaugh)

Members Absent:

Renee Suydam (HS)
Julia Kamanda (Brecht)
Rachel Waldo (Brecht)
Kisha Johnson (Neff)
Denise Rosario (Neff)
Meredith Steidler (Neff)
Meghan Keller (Reidenbaugh)
Lauren Becker (Schaeffer)
Becky Trayers (Schaeffer)
Anu Varadarajan (Schaeffer)

Guests: none

Call to Order

- Meeting began 6:30 pm.

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Minutes from May 2021 approved

III. Safety Planning

- New to SLAC
- Filters – air particles
- Chemicals used for cleaning
- Health & Safety Plan on mtwp.net
- Central repository for vaccination records
 - For employees
 - Students who are vaccinated, info should go to school nurse
 - Only Dept of Health can do contact tracing per guidelines 21-22
 - Families have not been notified even though reported
 - Health Coordinator
- Schools can issue exclusion only Dept Health can issue quarantine
- Contact tracing and school notifications without more information are not well received.
 - For families with multiple children it would be helpful to know which child is being contacted
 - Possible flow chart for parents to know what to do
 - Communicate with principals if need admin excuse for exposure; case by case
 - Missed instruction is more disturbing than absences, so is district considering remote instruction
 - Some teachers may upload instructional videos, good practice when students are out
- Small school (elementary under 500), Large (LRIS, MS, HS)
 - 5% of students and staff DOH can close for cleaning
 - Learning loss last year was great
 - Dept of Health goal to keep kids in school
- Not mandating all staff to be vaccinated
- If parents have questions ask the nurse and then ask principals
- Mask breaks aren't consistent – mandating it now
 - Reach out to teacher and then principal if in elementary level

IV. Celebrating the New Middle School

- Dr Felty showed the progression
- Ribbon Cutting Oct 19 6-7:30

- HS speakers
- Student lead tours
- Everyone welcome

V. District Focus Areas/Initiatives 22021/2022

- Comprehensive Planning
 - Future, Present, Past
 - Have extra year
 - Six year strategic plan, we are in 3rd year
 - District level goals have to align with school goals
 - Diversity Equity and Inclusion
 - www.mtwp.net, District Tab
- North Star & DEI
 - Creating an inclusive learning environment where all students and staff feel a sense of belonging
 - Each school has a DEI team and district level team
- Multi-tiered Systems of Support (MTSS)
- Social-Emotional Learning/Mental Health Supports
- Life Ready Graduates
 - Career Ready Lancaster!
 - <https://careerreadylancaster.com/career-exploration/high-five/>
 - High 5 Elements
 - Lancaster County Workforce Development Board

VI. PTO Sharing – Reflections & Questions

- Only 3 FID days are allowed per school year
- Standardizing homework – issues of Math homework for correctness and not completion.
- Eliminated variety in grading, looking for clarification of grading changes
- Proficient vs Non-Proficient grades
- Amount of assignments in each weighted assessments
- How many FID days does District have available to use
- Bus runs – streamlining? HS 6:30 pickup 3:40 dropoff

- New plan with Brightbill coming based on recent survey
- Scaffolding returning in math – open note/open book tests to nothing, new learning curve. How to get them back
- Homework free weekend once per marking period; done to social/emotional – to alleviate stress. Looks positive but can it be more steps.
- Typing courses to elementary level, follow up
- Can teachers use Sapphire as it means to be, * are a zero, andj assignment aren't even due yet
- Sapphire isn't syncing well with Schoology
- Can Schoology have a snapshot
- PTO meetings are during working business hours, is that the time to provide a Skype option for more involvement. Record version for parents to watch later
- AP & Honors summer assignments not graded are not equitable to students who did the work
- Add tour of engineering behind landscaping for Middle School
- PTO Bylaws are old – reflect focus of the district, where is a good place to add it
- Gym class – can we focus on mental/social aspect in elementary
- Can we bring Health into earlier grades
- Field trips will return as appropriate

Adjournment

- Meeting ended at 8:51 PM, without a motion

Remaining 2021-22 Meetings

11/8
1/10
3/14
5/9

