

# **Superintendent's Lay Advisory Council Meeting**

**ZOOM**

**May 8, 2023**

**Minutes**

Members:

Dr. Robin Felty, Superintendent

Nikita Nunemacher (Brecht), Chairperson

Caryl Buffa (HS), Secretary

Becky Harper (HS)

Laura Miller (HS)

Jill Speizer (HS)

Renee Suydam (HS)

Kristen Haase (MS)

Torie Hermann (MS)

Jen Riley (MS)

Jessica Kahler (LRIS)

Meghan Ryan-Keller (LRIS)

Holly Stockwell (LRIS)

Jackie Wachinski (LRIS)

Abby Fiorentino (Brecht)

Mike King (Brecht)

Cynthia Brooks (Bucher)

Jadie Catania (Bucher)

Franchesca Sudduth (Bucher)

Rachel Levine (Neff)

Meredith Steidler (Neff)  
Nancy Izquieta (Nitrauer)  
Jenine Nicholas (Nitrauer)  
Danielle Schmehl (Nitrauer)  
Carolyn Garneau (Reidenbaugh)  
Melissa Grosh (Reidenbaugh)  
Herlie Velez (Schaeffer)

Members Absent:

Denise Rosario (MS) – with regrets  
Kisha Johnson (Neff)– with regrets  
Madison South (Reidenbaugh)  
Becky Trayers (Schaeffer)  
Anu Varadarajan (Schaeffer)

Guests: Dan Lyons, Director of Technology

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Call to Order

- Meeting began at 6:33 pm.
- I. Welcome and Introductions
    - Shout out to HS Stem
    - HS Chorus concert 5/9
  - II. Approval of the March 2023 Meeting Minutes
    - Approved with a motion
    - Laura Miller from the High School and Holly Stockwell from LRIS stepped up to share co-secretary duties in the 2023-24 school year.
    - This was approved by the committee with a motion
  - III. PTO Sharing – Reflection & Questions

- Accessing School Board Meetings – Dan Lyons presents
  - Video live screen board meetings, they are discarded after the secretary confirms the notes she has taken, so that the video is written over the next month
  - To have them accessible after the fact, it is a legally precarious position for the district and so they were advised by IU 13 solicitor, current and past District counsels that advised against.
  - We can live stream because anything never before aired on TV does not need to provide accommodations. However, once it is ended and if were to remain publicly posted have to remain compliant with accessibilities regulations. Need screen reader compatible transcript. Would need an ASL interpreter. Two districts have been fined due to lawsuits by same individual for not photos and documents on their websites and YouTube channel not meeting accessibility regulations.
  - Anyone can request a copy or bring a flash drive to the meeting and Jen Davidson will provide a copy. You can request before or after up to the next meeting when the meeting is approved and minutes are written over.
  - We do leverage YouTube live for closed captioning while it is live.
  - Question is can someone be protected from someone if someone leverages it in a false way for harmful acts, the District could take action.
- Communication between schools & parents
  - Encouraged parents to speak to a Principal at their schools. They want open communication and to address issues.
  - The question of the HS having multiple fights at the on April 27 was a rumor. There was only 1 fight and an incident with a student involved in that earlier incident.
  - Today is the last day to complete Communication Survey – it is also posted on District Website.
  - If a PTO has asked for more communications but hasn't received it Dr. Felty recommended reaching out to Dr. Reimann so he can reach out to the Principal.
- Compass Mark Drug & Alcohol Prevention Program
  - What is the survey and who picks the questions. This is a new program we brought to the District last year. The Mark Drug & Alcohol Program is in Elementary in grades 1 & 3, LRIS 5<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - Could parents look at survey ahead of time and opt out? This year was given but will look at that moving ahead.
- Accessing books – EPIC, Dan Lyons to address
  - There are 2 versions of Epic, the first is what we do not use in school. Epic Family Sharing which is both free and paid depending on what you choose. The Epic School is a separate

service and is offered to all teachers and administrators. From 7am to 3pm. Only available when school is in session. Students cannot create their own accounts or parents. They have to be invited by a teacher or administrator.

- Parents can have involvement in what their students read.
  - Service is complainant with both COPA & FERPA.
  - Dr. Felty addressed concerns about the books particularly at the High School that parents felt shouldn't be in the schools. There is a review process to review and currently there is a review in process. Dr. Felty felt that SLAC is not the place to address since there is a committee to address.
  - Students with special needs accessing extra curricular classes during the school day.
    - A High School parent wanted to know if their student with an IEP and in Special Education wanted to participate in Choir and was told it doesn't work in the schedule.
  - Parents have complained they aren't getting enough information from SLAC as to what is covered in the meetings. All members should be reaching out so that the PTOs know what is going on so they can speak to concerns.
  - PTOs have difficulty with attendees and parents not realizing that they can attend meetings regardless of holding an officer position. Or there is a fear if they attend, then they may have to do more than they can. One PTO is using the Barnstormer Night to gain involvement.
  - Question was raised why isn't GPA and Honor Roll cojoined but rather separate. If a student fails a class but has Honor Roll level GPA they will not qualify.
- IV. Follow-up "later school start times for MS/HS items from 3/23 mtg
- School Board President Grosh said it can bring back on docket but not in the immediate future.
  - LNP had an article about a school in Drexel Hill starting at 9:30.
  - If and when will need a Task Force and parents and administrators and students to help provide information with pros and cons.
  - Lancaster Country Day had a researcher from California where the state set a law that school starts later.
  - SDOL has done research with year-round schooling.
- V. Update on August 2023 school kick-off literacy event.
- Tuesday August 22, from 6:30pm – 8pm. High School stadium
  - Instrument petting zoo
  - Face Painting
  - Cupcake truck

- Athletic, Music and Performance teams will be there.

VI. Thank you to all those finishing SLAC this year.

- Cynthia Brooks, Bucher
- Joe Nicholas, Nitrauer
- Jessica Kahler, LRIS
- Jennifer Riley, Middle School
- Caryl Buffa, High School

Adjournment

- Meeting ended at 8:02 PM, with a motion

Minutes will be updated on District Website

SLAC will resume in the 2023-2024 School Year

They will begin again in September 2023, every other month every 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Monday of the month.