

The School District of Lee County

Curriculum Advisory Committee

March 26, 2018

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: Thomas R. Busatta, Carolyn Feldmann, Liliana Guerra-Cannata, John Heck, Linda Lally, Dr. Kelly Lavis, Goldye Meyer, Dr. Larry Tihen, Ken Weaver, Stephen Whitener, Judy Wilkerson, Cathleen Morgan,

Committee Members Absent: Dawn Drello-Thompson (excused), Joseph Camputaro (excused), Matthew Fredrickson (excused), Karen Watson (excused), Sandra Wright (excused), April Ketron (excused)

School Board Liaison Present: Cathleen Morgan

Staff Members Present: Susan Zellers, Lori Houchin, Dr. Wanda Creel

Recording Secretary: Jazzmin Cruz

Presenters: Gerald Demming, Betty Lockard, Mary Lynn Rodriguez, Sara Thompson

Welcome and Introduction of Members

April Ketron (Chair) and Joseph Camputaro (Vice Chair) were unable to attend meeting. Cathleen Morgan asked for a motion to appoint a temporary chair for the evening. Dr. Kelly Lavis volunteered. All voted and approved. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Kelly Lavis at 6:02 pm welcoming all committee members and guests. Committee Members introduced themselves to the committee.

Reading and Approval of Agenda of March 26, 2018 agenda

There was a motion to approve the current agenda by Ken Weaver, second by Dr. Judy Wilkerson and all approved.

Reading and Approval of February 26, 2018 Minutes

There was a discussion about the recording of absences, attendance (excused/ unexcused), members not receiving emails, save the date, and invites. Members requested several updates on meetings. It has been determined that all members who did not attend the meeting on February 26, 2018, and had an unexcused absence will now be excused. Mrs. Morgan asked Susan Zellers to get an updated committee members list. Mrs. Zellers stated that she would meet with her new secretary to find out what the glitch is and take care of it. There was a motion to approve the minutes as presented by Ken Weaver, which was seconded by Dr. Judy Wilkerson and all voted to approve.

Review of Mission Statement and Purpose of Committee

Dr. Kelly Lavis reviewed the mission statement and reminded everyone of the purpose of the committee.

Public Comment

Dr. Wanda Creel spoke about having meetings in the summer time. Members agreed. Some members requested to attend via speaker phone or video chat as they will not be available in the summer to attend. Future dates will be discussed at the next meeting.

Board Member Report

The Board is focusing on one main factor:

1. Sheriff's and School Board collaborated to add an SRO to every school beginning 3/27/18. Money will be worked out, it will cost several million dollars from both parties. SRO's overtime only funded for next year, currently as a onetime opportunity until the end of the school year. There will be a review of new legislation for safety and security. Awaiting further instructions and clarification regarding statute. Greg Adkins and Mike Scott agree on no armed teachers.

Bullying Presentation

Mary Lynn Rodriguez: Coordinator School Counseling Services, Sara Thompson: Prevention Specialist Student Services, and Betty Lockard: Prevention Specialist Student Services presented a PowerPoint on Bully Prevention. Mary Lynn Rodriguez stated that she is targeting implantation of specific curriculum in the schools. She would also like to focus on bullying, alcohol, tobacco and drug use. Betty Lockard shared K-5 social and emotional learning and the learning curriculum Second Step K-8. Elementary is focusing on prevention. Secondary 6-8 in an online curriculum. Sara Thompson stated the definition of bullying is when some is being hurt repeatedly and on purpose by words. Also by causing conflict, being rude or mean. There are ways to play fair.

CONFLICT	RUDE	MEAN	BULLYING
Occasional	Occasional	Once or Twice	Is REPEATED
Not planned; in the heat of the moment	Spontaneous: unintentional	Intentional	Is planned and done on purpose
All parties are upset	Can cause hurt feelings; upset	Can hurt others deeply	The target of the bullying is upset
All parties want to work things out	Based in thoughtlessness, poor manners or narcissism	Based in anger; impulsive cruelty	The bully is trying to gain control over the target
All parties will accept responsibility	Rude person accepts responsibility	Behavior often regretted;	The bully blames the target
An effort is made by all parties to solve the problem			The target wants to stop the bully's behavior, the bully does not
Can be resolved through mediation	Social skill building could be of benefit	Needs to be addressed/ should NOT be ignored	CANNOT be resolved through mediation

Source: Jennifer Astles, DASA Newsletter, January 2014, TST BOCES

Safety Presentation

Gerald Demming, Executive Director School Development stated as of 3/27/18 every school will have SRO's, some schools have been approved for two next school year. A Red Lock System is a part of newer schools and it was created so teachers can lock their doors from the inside, instead of going into the hallways. This will be added to all schools going forward. Focusing on school safety for children. Every school will have a mental health counselor and training.

Good of Order

Science Textbook Adoption

Motion to bring back on table. All voted to approve.

Motion to end the meeting at 7:29 p.m. by Thomas Busatta, seconded by Ken Weaver and all voted to adjourn.