

**Lebanon Board of Education
Curriculum/ Strategic Plan Subcommittee Meeting
Thursday, December 8, 2022 - 3:30 p.m.
Lebanon Middle School Library**

MINUTES

In attendance: John Konow, Danelle Person, Superintendent Gonzalez, Dawn DeLia, Rita Quiles-Glover, Jessica Scorso, Samantha Singleton (via zoom)

Danelle Person called the meeting to order at 3:30.

- I. DESSA Results: Director of Pupil Services, Dawn DeLia, gave a slide presentation of the DESSA results from the October Screening. DESSA is a nationally standardized strength-based behavior rating scale that assesses students' social and emotional competence. This was the first time LPS used this screening tool (previously BESS was used) and overall Admins are pleased with the tool. LPS showed 18% of students (157) showing 'strength' in social/ emotional competence, 70% (600) showing 'typical' behavior for their grade level, and 11% (96) showing areas of 'need.' These areas of need will be addressed by support teams in each school.
- II. ECE/ AP promotion: Andy, Rita, and Samantha shared a flier that was produced by Genevieve Nowosad to display and promote highlights of Lyman's offerings. This flier specifically includes trends that families are interested in when looking for a high school. Academics, especially Early College Experience/ Advanced Placement offerings, extra-curricular activities such as athletics, clubs, X-block, drama, and student testimonials are included. It was distributed at the LMHS Open House last week.
- III. Agriculture in LPS curriculum: This is a follow-up to the Town's Plan of Conservation & Development report sent out in 2020. Andy and Rita reminded us that while we want to incorporate agriculture into our science curriculum it must be in alignment with the NGSS. It is a work in progress. There are many Ag offerings at Lyman in the ASTE program. At LMS we are using a new Science curriculum (Open Sci-Ed) which has a lot of restrictions in terms of moving away or adding to the curriculum. Andy and Rita feel that with a new administrator coming it is an appropriate time to work on logistics with classroom placement as well as scheduling for garden clubs, greenhouse work, etc. Also, it was noted that the CT Grown grant is still in process, and that the Turf Management position was filled as part-time. Inclusion of community members with after school clubs will be encouraged.
- IV. Updates on grants, PD: Title IV was approved. Still awaiting Title III (ELL) approval. Professional Development occurred supporting teachers and new programming specific to grade level. Three PE teachers were especially excited to attend the CTAHPERD conference, and learn about how to use new equipment, and hold adaptive PE classes. Rita and Andy attended the CAFE convention in Mystic, and Jessica, Rita, Andy and Stephanie attended a "Science of Reading" workshop. One of Andy's highlights was seeing student involvement at the convention and will encourage more input from them

in our district. Samantha and Jessica also attended an Administration Evaluation workshop.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Danelle Person, Subcommittee Chair