

**LEBANON BOARD OF EDUCATION
GOALS / STRATEGIC PLANNING / COMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
LEBANON MIDDLE SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
JULY 9, 2018- SPECIAL MEETING 5:30 PM**

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Dawn Whitcher, Alexis Margerelli-Hussey, William Meese, Jason Nowosad

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Robert Angeli

I. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 by Dawn Whitcher

II. Discussion

Annual Report and Intermittent Updates- Format

Discussion of approach to format and structure of the Report and updates.

Annual Report- Strategic Plan Update

Focus Area: Academics

Goal: The Lebanon Public Schools will provide a challenging and robust academics program preparing students for college, career and life success.

Discussion encompassed a review of academic structure including:

1. High school credit available to LMS students who take high school equivalent courses. Discussion of current qualifying courses.
2. Articulation of courses with post-secondary institutions. Lyman continues to compare course content to ensure that qualifying courses taken at Lyman are transferable to qualifying post-secondary institutions.
3. Academic Programing (College Prep Pathway, Honors Courses, AP Courses, Prerequisites). A brief discussion of the Natural Sciences initiative and the plan with the greenhouse at LMS. A robust discussion of overall ability to offer coursework that matches the educational path appropriate for each student. One challenge examined during the discussion was the number of students enrolled in a course, if those students were adequately prepared leading up to enrolling in the course, and support during the course. A review of how, as a district, improved communication to students and caregivers, during their time at LES and LMS, can (1) help families understand the course offerings at LMHS, and (2) prepare students for high school and post-secondary level courses. The LMHS orientation for students and caregivers was identified as one opportunity to explain the options available to students.

4. Testing. Discussion of the importance of testing and the challenge faced within the district. Testing is used as a means to examine if the appropriate course material is being taught. The district continues to review the system of testing to ensure the most appropriate tests are provided and that over-testing does not occur. The challenge remains the low number of students engaging in certain tests. A review of how, as a district, improved communication to students and caregivers could help families to understand the purpose for testing.

Communications

A brief discussion of the district's communication strategy occurred. The discussion included brainstorming of potential opportunities as well as current initiatives. Current initiatives identified are the upcoming enhanced website and the Lebanon Public Schools CT app. Potential opportunities identified: print materials, improved materials provided during orientation programs and/or school visits, video materials, and surveys.

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn Whitcher, Chair