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## **Lacey Township School District Board of Education Curriculum Committee Meeting**

***Curriculum, Special Education, Health & Wellness,  
Community Relations, LTEA Liaison, Technology***

Minutes - February 7, 2023  
4:00 pm - [Board Office](#)

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The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm on February 7, 2023 with the following members in attendance:

Linda Downing - Chairperson  
Cheryl Armato  
Skip Peters  
Kim Klaus, Alternate  
Vanessa R. Pereira - Superintendent  
William W. Zylinski - Assistant Superintendent

### **Curriculum**

- NJTSS
  - NJ phase-Out of the Discrepancy Model to NJTSS
  - Frankie Jones from LINKIT
    - GAP Analysis / Needs Assessment of Current Procedures
    - Creation of a NJTSS Handbook
    - 3 year Professional Development plan for all stakeholders

Mr. Zylinski led a discussion of the transition that all schools will have to make as the state abandons the use of the discrepancy model to determine special education eligibility. This will include the timeline of when the changes will take place. A presentation was made by Ms. Frankie Jones of LinkIt that will possibly result in the district engaging her organization to provide the professional development to initiate and complete this change.

Mr. Joseph Bond and Mrs. Michelle Amos was also in attendance and presented on the upcoming changes and how the transition will take place and the professional development that will be required and how it will benefit all stakeholders as we initiate this significant change.

The ultimate result will be an upgrade of the entire I&RS process that will ensure that all students in the district are covered and supported by the New Jersey Multi Tiered System of Supports as required by the new state regulation being phased in.

- New Novels:
  - Flying Lessons & other stories
  - They Called Us Enemy by George Takei

Mr. Zylinski led a discussion of these novels that will be used during the 2022-2023 school year in 6th grade. They were reviewed by the 6th grade English teachers and instructional coaches. These will be used for novel studies to support the 6th grade curriculum.

- Lacey Township Special Paraprofessional Handbook

Mr. Zylinski presented the new handbook that was developed by Mrs. Mallory Krakovsky. The handbook was developed for existing and new paraprofessionals as a ready reference to expectations and responsibilities.

- Out-of State Field Trip (LTMS Band and Chorus) on 5/31/2023
  - New York City, “Wicked” The Musical (lunch at Dave & Buster’s)
- Overnight Field Trip (LTHS DECA Club) from 2/27/2023-3/1/2023
  - Harrah’s Waterfront Conference Center- Atlantic City, NJ

Mr. Zylinski presented both trips which were approved by the committee.

- Course Approval for Karen Hopson/LTHS Science for Cybersecurity (Honors/CP)
- Course Approval for John Kuzan/STEM- LTHS Science for Robotics

Mr. Zylinski presented both course proposals that were approved by the committee that will only run if there is sufficient student interest and staffing available.

- Start Strong Assessment Data Comparison

Mr. Zylinski had previously shared the Start Strong Data for 2022 and 2021 with the committee. There was no discussion.

## **Special Education**

- SEPAG:
  - Parent Meeting 1/2/23 notes will be at the March meeting.
  - Next regular SEPAG Meeting on February 8, 2023

## **Technology**

- The technology department is conducting Random Phishing tests.

Mr. Zylinski led a discussion of the random phishing tests that are being conducted by the technology department that will include all users. Staff that repeatedly fail these tests may be required to take courses to correct the problem.

## **Community Relations -**

- Sweetheart Luncheon Feb 15 at the Pheasant Run Clubhouse

## **LTEA**

- nothing to report

## **Health and Wellness**

- SEL District Committee
  - The District Team from every Building meets and is working on a district plan utilizing ESSER funds.

Mr. Zylinski led a brief discussion of the district wide SEL committee led by Counselor Elyse Winkle and the ideas that they have to advance social and emotional learning in the district.

## **Other**

- **Food Services**

Mrs. Silvia via phone conference shared the possibility of engaging vendors for the privatization of food services.

**Meeting Adjourned at approximately 5:45**

**Next Meeting - Scheduled for Tuesday, March 7, 2023 @ 4:00pm**

Respectfully Submitted,

*William Zylinski*

Assistant Superintendent