



LTCS Academics Committee Agenda and Minutes

September 16, 2021

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Agenda Topic	Meeting Notes / Previous Sessions Comments
Call To Order - 7:00 pm	<i>Attendees: Kristi Hardeman, Melissa King, Heather Ambrosi, and LaShonda Storr</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Academic Report from Mrs. King (Added 9-16-21)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● September's Academic Report is in the Board shared folder under the Academic Committee.. ** BOARD: Take some time to read through it... There is a lot of great information there including the embedded links for the LTCS Code of Conduct, Accountability Plan (regarding student behavior), and Virtuous Learning (character education and more). <p>Items discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Action Plan updates (Code of Conduct, Mindset Training)* Student withdrawal information for the month of August* K - 5th grade Fall i-Ready data* 6th - 8th grade Fall MAP data* Addressing some "red" areas of concern with Mrs. Lozano's Learning Lab and morning math & reading labs have started in middle school. Morning math & reading labs to start in the lower grades soon. EIP will also start in a week or two.* In regards to gaps (possibly due to COVID & virtual learning), admin is reminding teachers that differentiation is a must! They've also been analyzing the GA Standards & choosing essential standards to prioritize for each grade level.



<ul style="list-style-type: none">● LKES - Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Pre-Conference evaluation was done by August 31st with Mrs. King by Lashonda Storr.● Mid-Year Conference must be done between Jan. 5-31.● Summative, or End-of-the-year, Conference must be done between May 2 - June 1.● Eric Walker agreed to get LKES certified. Has he signed up yet? He has not registered yet, but is planning on doing one of the training sessions in October.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Board Presence at school	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Reminder: If a board member would like to visit the school every now and then, classroom visits can be made. Mrs. King suggested not scheduling them and not writing up formal notes. If you want the staff to feel your presence, write a little note of positives that were seen.● Lauren Conway now has the birthday cards. Continue monthly staff cards (either presented at the staff meeting or delivered in mailboxes).
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Action Plan Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Restorative Practices (waiting on the trainer to be trained; Mrs. King and/or Ms. McKelvey will follow up)● Verbal Mindset training ongoing. SEE update above in the September Academic Report.● Update on the Revision of Code of Conduct? It was revised over the summer before school started. Also SEE update above in the September Academic Report.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Student Withdrawal information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Updates will come from Mrs. King monthly now. August information was included in the September Academic Report.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● iReady and Map results	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 1st assessments of the year (August 2021) - any data available yet? YES, data was discussed in the September Academic Report.● December will be the first chance to see the comparison /growth after the 2nd assessment is given.



<ul style="list-style-type: none">● New Possible Assessments for next year	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Keenville assessment is focused on 1st and 2nd grade.● DRC Beacon is a new program this year. LTCS passed for 21-22 year because we're doing MAP and iReady.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Hands - on Learning (in the midst of Covid)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Concern brought to the Board about too many worksheets and too much busy work. How do we get back to our original vision of hands-on learning? Administration is really talking about this topic as well, and Mrs. King addressed 3 things here...<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) As a Board, let's always remind parents to go to the TEACHER FIRST. If that doesn't resolve the issue, go to the Dean next, and then to Mrs. King.2) Lesson Plans are due every 2 weeks. Administration is periodically doing checks with those.3) Mrs. King is conducting informal 10-15 minute classroom observations. <p>It was also suggested to conduct periodic checks of Tuesday folders since the original concern was how many worksheets seem to be coming home weekly in these.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Academic Chair position needs to filled	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Heather and Kristi will discuss.
<p>New Topics for next meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- December: Look at fall and winter comparison of i-Ready and MAP test data (to see growth measures).	
<p>Meeting Adjourn - 7:50 pm</p>	