



## Academic Committee

April 10, 2026

9:00 AM

TREC Campus: A121

**Participants:** Ryan McDonald, Dr. Stafford, Tim Sies, Lisa Whiteley, Adam Biedenbach, Megan Rivet, Beth Jackson

\*Please know that no decisions were made during this meeting. The purpose of this committee is to discuss the academics of the Three Rivers Local School District. Any District decisions are made during Board of Education meetings. These meeting dates can be found on the Three Rivers Local School District website.

1. Tech Coaching - have partnered with Forward Edge for years for this service, but recently stopped these services due to cost. Katie Sullivan has taken on some of the tasks from this. Megan is proposing to make her a Team Lead (stipend) on a year-to-year basis. Looking to have this on a Board Agenda in May. She was approved for 15 hrs at \$30/hr for the 2025-2026 school year.

2. New Partner: Right at School

-Before/Afterschool change in partnership

-There have been some issues with the YMCA

-Right at School is more affordable and flexible

-Right at School is able to provide care during PD days and breaks if there is a need

-Curriculum is provided and there is homework time

3. Elementary SEL Groups (social-emotional learning)

-social skills groups were set up for 28 students in need of the skills (last year)

-198 students is the goal for this year

-TRES has a champions group where everyone has a student they are in charge of making sure they are set up for success. 16 kids currently have a champion.

-Beth has specials teachers also teaching SEL groups to support more students.

4. MS Elective Options - Adam Biedenbach shared updates from TMS.

-He's been leading check-ins with each staff member to get to know them and better understand the middle school process.

-TMS will most likely replace clear backpacks next year and replace with locker use.

-Some teachers expressed concern about topics out of their comfort zone within the curriculum. Adam has had conversations with them to explain that all content is appropriate and will be supported by the administration. (possible PD – facilitating difficult conversations with students)

-5th grade takes all 8 electives throughout the school year. 6th grade will take the 4 required electives. 7th grade moves to semester courses (full-year music or 2 core electives). In 8th grade, the choices are more available as some students will take high school electives.

5. Jacket Academy (Friday, May 1st)

- [Program Guide](#)
- Sponsors:
  - Breakfast/Coffee - Best Point, Lunch - Equitable Advisors
  - Lanyards: Forward Edge
  - Trail Mix/Snack Bar: DSS
- Key Note: Scott Reisbord, *They Hear What You Say*

6. Leader in Me

- Steven Covey Work
- 5-year implementation plan
  - Will include all staff and students
  - Building leadership capacity in students
  - The goal is to have TRLS staff lead the training
- Year 1: Admin team, C&D Team training

7. Strategic Plan - will be rolled out during the Admin Retreat for feedback and final tweaks.

8. Calendar 27-28: send out draft calendar to community/staff for feedback.

Next Meeting: Board Retreat, Wednesday, May 27, 2026 8:30-3pm, TREC