

#### **Academic Committee**

October 20, 2025 1:00 PM Communications Office

#### **Participants:**

Ryan McDonald, Board Vice President

Dr. Stephanie Stafford, Board Member

Holly Simms, THS Principal

Megan Rivet, Assistant Superintendent

Tim Sies, Superintendent

\*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.

THS update: Off to a great start at THS. Girls' Senior Retreat had low numbers; believe this was due to athletics. Looking to do something similar with boys (knowing that this will look different).

#### 1. High School Exams

- -December 16th will be a late start
- -17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> is the exam schedule
- -Holly is looking to make sure the current exam schedule is the best model
- -The main discussion focused on ensuring that rigor is happening and the exams reflect the academic content taught throughout the semester. Also discussed the importance of accountability.
- -THS admin are looking at a variety of other opportunities for students, including health alternatives.

## 2. High School Scheduling Timeline/Process

- -Freshmen meetings start this week
- -Looking to embed some of the clubs into the pre-existing classes (art, math, etc.)
- -A teacher survey shows what some of the teachers are interested in; the results will then be offered to students. We want to have teacher interest and student interest complement one another to ensure we are providing the best opportunities for the students.
- -The intention is to get the parents involved more with the scheduling process.
- -Would like for schedules to be done by May so that the summer months allow for making slight changes.
- -Holly wants to make sure students are more intentional with their pathways.
- -Ryan asked if the intro to the CCP course could be offered in the summer so that they can see if it works for them prior to taking full CCP courses during the school year.
- -Stephanie asked about the productivity of students' senior years when they don't need a full high school schedule heading into their senior year.

# 3. Rise Up Boot Camp

-Held during the school day

## 4. Calendar Committee

- -Megan and Tim are working with a committee
- -A teacher created a calendar that has 3 PD days in August and structures the year to give a short break during October
- -The group collectively agreed that starting school on a Monday or Wednesday is the best option for families.

## 5. One Plan/Title I Budgets

- -2 goals surround chronic absenteeism and Performance Index
- -Fully staffed in Title currently
- 6. **Next Meeting:** Friday, December 5, 2025, 9:00 am CT Young