



Academic Committee

October 28, 2022

8:30 am

Director of Communication Office

Participants:

Megan Rivet, Director of Teaching & Learning
Joan Stidham, Teaching & Learning
Katie Conley, Director of Student Services
Lisa Whiteley, Director of Communications
Mark Smiley, HS Principal
Ryan McDonald, Board of Education

*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) Welcome and Agenda Review

2) HS Exams

- Last November was the first meeting to discuss changes.
- If high school is going to give an exam, they are going to give it all students; no exemptions.
- Previous schedule was a four day window; which stopped learning during those four days.
- To preserve instructional time, Mr. Smiley proposed a couple of different schedule options to allow more.
- Calculations for the weight of exams is being revisited.
- Mr. Smiley spoke with other CHL schools to determine how their exam schedules look.
- A parent update was sent to all high school parents/families.
- Benchmark assessments are given twice a year. Aligns with state assessments. The first benchmark shows where the students are academically when they enter the class. The second shows the teacher what interventions are needed.

3) Val/Sal System Update

- Current 8th graders will be the first grade to not use the val/sal system. Taylor HS will move toward the Latin System.
- A parent meeting was offered to seventh grade families last year. Information is on the website. Additional communication will follow.
- This change will allow more student highlights.
- Annual reminders for all students who will be affected by this change.

4) CKLA updates

- The first 8 unit materials arrived October 4, 2022
- Looking into using some student fee funds for workbooks.
- Elizabeth Sillies is meeting with all teachers to find areas that need support with the new adoption.
- 6, 7, and 8th grade is piloting CKLA currently in ELA classes.
- 5th grade is still using Wonders.

5) Math Adoption

- High school and Middle school met to discuss
- Andrea Moore visited other schools to observe instruction.
- Currently using Every Day Algebra to guide instruction.
- Looking for a program that aligns all grade levels.
- Waiting until next school year for a math pilot to avoid math teachers piloting two programs simultaneously.

6) Summer Programs Review

- 2 more summers of the TRLSD Summer program (2023 and 2024)
- Cut to a half day in 2022
- More in-house options to help offset the cost.
- A lot of the outside organizations provided free and reduced prices for their programs.
- Looking to run a similar schedule for the next two years.

7) Pre-Employment Transition Services & High School brainstorm

- Maggie Tapia works two days at Taylor HS to help special education students prepare for the future.
- Mr. Smiley talked about second layers to help students graduate with the proper requirements.

8) Other

- College Board National Recognition Award was given to two Taylor HS Students.

9) Set next meeting date

December 9, 2022 - 8:30 am - CT Young/Communication Office