



Academic Committee

May 10, 2024

9:00 am

Director of Communications Office

Participants:

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*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. Freshman Academy/9th grade orientation Day (Smiley)
 - Next year the HS would like to make the first day of school 9th grade only (August 14)
 - This day would focus on acclimating 9th grade students to HS, all staff would be involved with planning and execution of the day, various state mandates would be completed (CPR, Erin's Law, HB 123) during this day, Sources of Strength mentors would still come and assist with activities
 - This would replace Freshman Orientation Day, which has been held the week prior to school, at a cost to the student where we would typically get about 60% of the class to attend.
2. ACT Testing Day (Feb 2025)
 - Due to online testing, we are unable to utilize Whitewater Crossing Church because of the need of secure testing portals
 - To create the best testing environment for the 11th grade students, the HS would like to allow the 12th grade students to have a college/workplace visit, 9-10 graders to participate in Love Local, where they will go out to various locations to participate in service projects.
3. Testing 2025
 - The testing schedule was discussed, would like more to see more communication around this. 7 2-hour delays are hard on parents with no transportation but understand the need to create the best environment for testing.

4. Elementary Math Adoption: HMH: Into Math
 - After the year-long pilot/adoption process, the decision was made to go with Into Math. We are working on flexible PD opportunities and obtaining resources early, to allow teachers time to prep and plan.
5. Self-Learning Plans
 - 111 teachers have submitted their plans so far. Excitement around this new initiative.
6. Jacket Academy Reflections
 - Great success. Overall had 50 unique sessions led by 35 staff members and 7 outside consultants. October 15 is next year's date. Teachers asked for it to be moved to the fall, so that the ideas they learn can be implemented throughout the year.
7. Update on the Science of Reading PD
 - 120 certified staff members have opted for the state stipend (\$1200 or \$400) to complete the requirements around the Science of Reading HB 33. These names will be on the 5/15 board agenda. This stipend is completely state-funded and teachers have until June of 2025 to complete these self-paced online modules through the state's Learning Management System.
8. Other
 - Summer Activities: Camp Invention, Summer School, Teachers attending AP trainings, Behavioral/Autism conferences, Ron Clark Academy
 - Reflection on Public Library Community Forum
 - ESY Camp - not being held this year, spoke about communication around this
 - HS Open House - would like to make it more meaningful, so increase parent participation
 - HS Graduation - would like to involve the teachers more, move their seats to face the graduates, have principals encourage K-8 to join and attend
9. Next Meeting: August/September 2024