



Academic Committee Meeting
Lionheart Classical Academy
Monday, May 6, 2024 @ 5:00 pm

MINUTES

In attendance: Kerry Bedard, Richard Merkt, Lori Finn

Call to Order: 5:06 p.m.

No public comments

Approval of Minutes (4/1/2024 meeting) – Richard Merkt made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Lori Finn seconded the motion. All approved.

Discussion:

- School calendar (AY 2024-2025): ED Bedard was able to organize the school calendar in such a way that we ended up keeping the calendar the same for all grades. For PT conferences for 6th and 7th grades, can either have parents meet with homeroom teachers or set up mini meetings. The schedule is similar to the current schedule, including building in snow days. Richard Merkt made a motion to recommend the schedule as presented by the ED. Lori Finn seconded the motion. All in favor.

Action: Trustee Finn will present the school calendar to the Board at the 5/9/24 meeting for approval.

- Academic reporting: Regular academic reporting will begin at the next calendar year (October, February, June). She continues to work on a possible template that will include the following:
 - Reading and math skills. This will help in evaluating staff and resources. All students are tested in the beginning of the year for a reading benchmark. Those students below grade level are put into groups and tested every few weeks. For math, looking to assess fact fluency using IXL for Grades 3-7. They will be tested in the beginning, middle, and end of the year.
 - Classical learning test. Fall assessment starting 2024, follow up spring. This will serve as benchmark.
 - RTI
 - A comparison of LCA state assessment results to both state and ConVal
 - October report: Fall reading assessments, fall fact fluency, state assessments from prior spring, CLT benchmark.
 - February: Reading, progress of below-grade students, math for all students, % of students receiving support
 - June report: Reading, number of students below grade; math for all students, CLT, students receiving support, and retention

Action: ED Bedard will finish draft of template.

- Update on academic needs: Some students strong last year are not as strong this year. Next year, Jordan McCarthy will provide instructional support to teachers for Singapore Math.
- NH State Assessments update – Assessments for 3rd grade and up. Completed online. In progress right now. Spring testing, but state publishes results in October. Can go on the state website to get the results. Parents who request this information have been given it.
- Teacher professional development: Literacy, classroom management, safety, policies. Seacoast will train on Literacy Essentials, Core Knowledge, Singapore Math (will require travel funds)

Adjourned 6:05 pm.

Next meeting: June 3, 2024

Minutes approved: 6/3/2024