



Academic Committee Meeting
Lionheart Classical Academy
Monday, May 5, 2025 @ 5:00 pm

DRAFT MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 5:06 pm. The following people were in attendance: Lori Finn (chair), Mike Harner, and Sarah Paradis (via Zoom). There were no public comments.

Lori Finn moved to approve the minutes from the 4/7/25 Academic Committee meeting pending correction of two typographical errors. Motion was seconded by Sarah Paradis. Motion passed by roll call: Sarah Paradis (yea), Lori Finn (yea).

Discussion

1. Faculty and Staff

All teacher contracts are out, and TA contracts are scheduled to go out on Friday. Hired 4th grade teacher from Georgia Classical Academy. g other candidates.

2. Professional Development

Summer reading for teachers will include Tried & True: A Primer on Sound Pedagogy and Seven Laws of Teaching. Daniel Coupland from Hillsdale will be spending two days at LCA in August, speaking to staff about pedagogy. He is the author of Tried & True and co-author of Well-Ordered Language. A Singapore Math trainer will be at LCA for three days to train our teachers in the Singapore Math method. Safety training is also scheduled for August.

PE teacher and a 7th grade teacher will be attending an Iliad Athletics training for PE, to make PE more functional and team-based. We will be testing their program at LCA.

3. Assessment

- State Assessments in progress.
- Kindergarten screenings upcoming

4. **Curriculum:** Textbooks for 8th grade may be more costly than anticipated. Fundraising may be required.

5. **Accountability Plan:** Postponed to next meeting

Action Item: ED Harner will begin going through plan with leadership team.

6. **Upcoming:**

- Field trips: 6th and 7th grade hike scheduled for June; 5th grade to possibly go to the Boston Aquarium
- We will be building a library over the summer. Seeking donations of reference books (e.g, encyclopedias)
- Hoping to offer a sports program in the fall.

Next meeting will be rescheduled from June 2 to Wednesday, June 4, 2025 @ 5 pm.

Sarah Paradis moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Lori Finn. Meeting adjourned at 6:04 pm.