



**Academic Committee Meeting**  
Lionheart Classical Academy  
Monday, September 8, 2025 @ 5:00 pm

## **MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm. The following people were in attendance: Lori Finn (chair), Mike Harner, Brian Walsh, Kenneth Dobbs. There were no public comments.

Lori Finn moved to approve the minutes from the 6/4/25 Academic Committee meeting, seconded by Brian Walsh. Motion passed (2-0-0).

### **Discussion**

**1. Assessment / Curriculum:** Principal Dobbs presented assessment results that he has been working on with Dominik Dubravec. Mr. Dubravec will present this information at the regular board meeting on 9/11/25.

The Board had previously requested a report on LCA state testing results compared to results from sending districts. This information is not yet available. Principal Dobbs will share this at the November Academic Committee meeting.

Mr. Dubravec has conducted an in-depth analysis of state testing results, including a question-by-question analysis to better identify strengths and areas for growth. General strengths and growth areas were discussed. LCA will use state rubrics and standards within current curriculum to help better prepare students. These data were shared with teachers as well.

Science continues to show the greatest need for improvement. Teachers have been asked to complete the SAS Science assessment to gain insight into the structure and content of the test. Based on this, they will develop a targeted improvement plan.

Classical Learning Test is scheduled for 9/24. We need to determine if it should also be implemented in the spring.

### **2. Faculty and Staff:**

- Following an unexpected vacancy in the fifth-grade position, the interim solution has been highly effective, and a strong candidate for the permanent position has been identified.
- A last-minute resignation has temporarily left a gap in our specials instruction. We are working to identify a qualified replacement as soon as possible.

- A new student with significant support needs has enrolled. As special education services from the district are not anticipated to begin until at least November, the school is looking to hire a temporary aide to ensure appropriate support in the interim.

**3. Professional Development:** August professional development sessions were well received and ran smoothly.

**4. Accountability Plan:** Notice from the state for 3-yr review received. This links directly to the accountability plan.

**6. Parent / Community Engagement:** Dr. Kenneth Calvert will speak on the importance of classical education on October 29, with an afternoon session for teachers and an evening session for parents. We are also working to schedule a presentation by Dr. Dan Coupland for a date after Thanksgiving.

Lori Finn moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Lori Finn

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Lori Finn", with a stylized, cursive script.