



Academic Committee Meeting

Lionheart Classical Academy

February 5, 2026

MINUTES

Present: Lori Finn, Sarah Paradis, Mike Harner

1. Call to Order: 5:03 pm
2. Open for Public Comment: None
3. Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the 11/3/25 meeting will be approved at the next AC meeting when members who were present at that meeting can vote.

4. Topics of Discussion:

A) Executive Director Update

- Final grades went out for the first half of the school year. We currently have 358 students. Planning on moving to the new building after the February break. After the final security measures have been completed, we need a re-inspection by Peterborough, and then state approval.
- **Assessment:** Third cycle of DIBLS in process. Second round (November) showed strong results. The third round is designed to be more challenging for student, thus moving the scale. Students are still tracking well though.
- **Parent Involvement:** Literacy Night in December was a success. Numeracy Night is scheduled for 2/18. These events are designed to help parents be more aware of the curriculum and provide methods they can use to support learning at home.
- **Staffing:** Need to hire teachers for next year (kindergarten, new 1st grade section, 3rd grade, 5th grade, and high school). ED Harner and Fiona Byrnes are going to Hillsdale to interview. Several promising applications have also been received from other locations.

B) Grade 9 Academic Preview.

- **Courses Planned:** rhetoric (half year), logic, (half year), Latin 4 (last year of Latin), geometry or algebra, biology, ancient literature, ancient world history, art/PE/music.
- Still working on the schedule
- **Graduation Requirements:** Began discussing graduation requirements.

C) NH SAS Comparisons Review

- LCA Students scoring at approximately 25%-30% percentile across the state
- SAS will be administered in May. In preparation, all teachers took the SAS for their grade levels. Also, third graders have been spending time in the computer room practicing the computer skills needed for taking the test.

5. **Action Item:** ED Harner will bring more information on specific graduation requirements to next meeting so we can begin discussing in depth

The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 pm.

Next meeting: March 5, 2026 @ 5 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Approved 3/9/26