



Academic Committee Meeting

Lionheart Classical Academy

March 9, 2026

MINUTES

Present: Lori Finn, Sarah Paradis, Bailey Sweet, Brian Walsh (Zoom), Mike Harner

1. Call to Order: 5:08 pm
2. Public Comment: None
3. **Approval of Minutes**
 - Trustee Finn moved to approve the minutes from the 11/3/25 Academic Committee Meeting, seconded by Trustee Walsh. Motion approved unanimously.
 - Ms Paradis moved to approve the minutes from the 2/5/25 Academic Committee Meeting, seconded by Trustee Walsh. Motion approved unanimously.

4. Topics of Discussion:

A) Executive Director Update

- Parent-Teacher Conferences held
- Currently 125 on waiting list for AY2025-2026. There are children on the waiting list for all grades, including high school.
- ESL testing scheduled for this week.
- Math review for all teachers in preparation for SAS (K-5)
- New quarter begins 4/5
- Academic Calendar will be presented at April Board Meeting for review

B) Grade 9 Academic Preview.

- **Courses Planned:** Considering deferring logic & rhetoric. Students may benefit more from a composition course instead. We also may need to teach algebra, as most students are struggling with that this year.

C) Graduation Requirements

- Reviewed Hillsdale curriculum against NH state requirements and charter documents. Still determining where to fit NH history, digital literacy, and financial literacy. ED Harner will be speaking to Tal Bayer for suggestions and clarification on requirements.
- The committee discussed New Hampshire minimum graduation requirements and how they compare to the school's curriculum, which includes more credits than the state minimum. It was noted that state requirements represent a minimum standard and that many schools establish graduation requirements that exceed those minimums. The committee affirmed that students will be required to complete designated courses as part of the school's graduation requirements. Discussion focused on whether students must successfully pass all required courses

in order to graduate and how that expectation should be reflected in the school's credit requirements.

- The committee agreed to develop a table of all high school courses that will be offered and then review each course to determine whether it should be designated as a required course. Courses identified as required will be compiled to establish the school's final list of required courses and total credit requirements. ED Harner agreed to begin working on this table.

5. **Action Items:**

- ED Harner will get clarification from Tal Bayer on requirements and charter.
- ED Harner will begin working on table with high school courses for discussion at next Academic Committee Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Next meeting: April 2, 2026 @ 5 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "K. Harner", written over a horizontal line.