

# Bloomsburg Area School District

## November 4, 2024 | Policy & Academic Affairs Committee Meeting

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**Call to Order:** 6:03pm

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Panel Attendees:**

Stephanie Andreacci, Amanda Orzolek, Josh Klingerman, Jonathan Jones, Jonathan Cleaver, Andrea Landis, Dan Yarnell, Amy Melchiorre, Guy Moses

**Public Attendees:**

Pam Kramer, Mary Sponenberg, Kylene Hock

**Public Comment Related to Agenda Items:** None

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

### **1. Special Education Programs at WW Evans Elementary School**

- a. WW Evans - Two new students in Kindergarten presented extensive needs
- b. Classes can not be set up K-5 anymore due to changing of needs, older students are not able to get the services they really need, spending more time with paraprofessionals etc. After the first few weeks they decided to do a split for AS students.
- c. No students from out of district at this time
- d. K-2, 3-5 split for AS - currently this is working
- e. K-5 for ES - numbers are lower in this program
- f. How are AS/ES being supported from each other? - Constantly will re-evaluate
- g. Requested supports in place for the transition to Middle School for next year, especially with AS
- h. Changes to caseloads within our programs do not need to be approved by the state

### **2. Dual Enrollment Payment Options**

- a. **LCCC & Commonwealth (BU) -**
  - i. Commonwealth courses are not prepaid by school - they are prepaid by the parents and reimbursed after courses are completed - this was not the way the program was intended to be set up
  - ii. Suggestion to have the Foundation or BASD pay ahead of time - discussion regarding options to find ways to not have the parents pay ahead of time

- iii. Board members would like someone from the Foundation here to discuss further
- iv. More discussion to be had at the next meeting

### **3. Grading Scale**

- a. Elementary 90-100 A - already happens within the new Sapphire program
- b. New grading scale would match up better with college courses
- c. Other local districts have this same grading scale that is being proposed
- d. 90-94.99% Honors, 95+ High Honors, 65 and lower passing
- e. 90+ A, 80-89 B, 70-79 C, 65-69 D, 64 and lower Failing
- f. We currently have standards higher than PIAA
- g. Warning week for athletic policy suggestion
- h. Suggested to Amy to go back to teachers again to search for any real reasons as to why we cannot change this model
- i. New model would provide more opportunities to students at the failing level to bring their grades up. It also would provide more opportunities for students who are succeeding to get the credit they deserve.
- j. More discussion to be had at the next meeting

### **4. Policy Review**

- a. Student Device Responsible Use - Securly program being incorporated into policy. Still in review.
- b. Artificial Intelligence - Board suggested additional training for teachers and parents. Still in review.
- c. Promotion, Acceleration & Retention - Special Education Attorney made some additional suggestions on writing of this policy. Still in review.
- d. Municipal Government Relations - minor updates - Send to board for first reading.

### **5. Mental Health Screeners**

- a. Will send to the board to view

### **Other Items for the Good of the Order:**

Discussion about future needs with mental health within our District.

### **Additional Items to Discuss at Next Meeting: None**

### **Adjournment of Meeting: 7:46pm**

Motion: Steph

Second: John

**Next Meeting: TBD**