



**Southern Lehigh School District  
Education Committee Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, February 27, 2024**

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Conference Room  
Southern Lehigh Administration Building  
5775 Main Street  
Center Valley, PA 18034  
4:15 p.m.**

**Education Committee Minutes Tuesday, February 27, 2024 pending approval.**

**1. Opening Procedures**

- a. Call to Order
  - i. Meeting was called to order by Timothy Kearney at 4:15 pm
- b. Recording of Attendance
  - i. Present: Timothy Kearney, Melissa Torba
  - ii. Absent: Eric Boyer
  - iii. Others present: Dr. Karen Trinkle, Michael Mahon, Dr. Tamara Solometo, Emily Gehman

**2. CURRICULUM/STUDENT AND STAFF SERVICES**

- a. [Committee Purpose and Overview of Curricular Initiatives](#)
  - i. Implementation Projects 2024 and beyond Notes:
    - 1. Overview of where we started, where the district is, and where the district is headed (structured literacy, science of reading, tenets of sound instructional practices). This includes current curricular initiatives, Wit & Wisdom, StudySync, Social Studies, and Math Fluency.
    - 2. Overview of the Curriculum Matrix K-6 and 7-12.
    - 3. Provided an overview of areas of focus for curricular projects moving forward: Next Generation Science Standards/PA STEELS, MS/HS Math, World Language, Comprehensible Input strategies, and structured literacy professional development.
- b. [Spanish Immersion](#)
  - i. [Spanish Immersion Quote](#)
    - 1. Administration is making a recommendation for Spanish Immersion curriculum- Savia. Dr. Solometo provided an overview of an Immersion Program, including the goal for developing bilingual students and social and academic benefits for students.

An overview was provided for the Southern Lehigh Spanish Immersion Program (SLSIP), first program in the state of Pennsylvania. Enroll in grade 1 through a lottery based system. SLSIP language use and time for English Instruction. SLSIP Grades 6-12 overview of curriculum and opportunities were reviewed.

2. Structured Literacy and Multilingual Education- tenets cross all languages and include Phonological Awareness, Phonics, Fluency, Vocabulary, and Comprehension and the differences that exist within instruction for English.
  3. Overview of Process for curriculum review and review of core Spanish Language programs and additional needs moving forward. Consulted with other programs in PA and Maryland.
  4. SLSIP identified non-negotiable components of the immersion curriculum. Overview of three programs that met criteria for review by the committee- aligned with standards, rich, writing speaking, listening experience. Overview of the evaluation of materials using a rubric for assessment. Recommendation has been made for the committee- SAVIA (SM)- highest level of authenticity, rigor, alignment and principles of Structured Literacy and a level of consistency among grade levels.
  5. Additional considerations, implementation timeline, and family engagement. Administration addressed and answered questions related to reading assessments.
  6. Seeking recommendation for committee to move for board action.
- c. [Grade 6 & 7 Social Studies Update](#)
1. Background for SS Curriculum review, focused on 6-12. Revised course sequence reviewed and realignment of content, with a phased material review. Moved to Grade 6 & 7 resource evaluation. Utilization of a materials evaluation tool to align with standards, practices and indicators of quality assessment. Alignment to inquiry based learning.
  2. Recommendation: Savaas- My World Geography- Support for teachers and connection with content, active classroom and robust assessment tools, ranging depth of knowledge / rigor tools. Provided an overview of professional development and timeline.
  3. Seeking recommendation for committee to move for board action.

### **3. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Kearney recognized members in the audience who joined the committee. April 4, 2024 for the next meeting at the SLHS Board Room, same time at 4:15. Dialogue regarding potential future agenda items such as Full Day Kindergarten.

a. Adjourn

- i. Timothy Kearney adjourned the meeting at: 6:35 pm

*Respectfully submitted by Anne Marie Lobley Board Meeting Recorder*