

Saucon Valley School District Academic and Personnel Committee

May 15, 2024 – 5:00 pm
District Office Conference Room

Welcome to the Academic and Personnel Committee meeting. Our objective is to serve the students, parents, and residents of our community. You are an important part of this meeting, and we look forward to your questions and comments.

We are all here for the same reason. All opinions are welcomed and equally valuable. Our only request is that we address each other with civility and respect. Our courtesy toward each other is the best way to show our students how much we respect them as well.

Committee Members - William Broun, Cedric Dettmar, Tracy Magnotta, Shamim Pakzad

Committee Agenda

- I. **Call to the Order** – *Tracy Magnotta, Committee Chair*
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Recording of Attendance** – *Tracy Magnotta, Committee Chair*
- IV. **Motion to Approve Agenda** –
- V. **Approval of Minutes** – April 3, 2024
- VI. **Courtesy of the Floor to Visitors – Agenda Items Only** - *Visitors should state their name and address*
- VII. **Discussion:** K-12 ELA Curriculum
- VIII. **Discussion:** K-12 Social Studies Curriculum
- IX. **New Business**
- X. **Old Business**
- XI. **Citizens' Inquiries and Comments** – *Visitors should state their name and address*
- XII. **Announcements**
Future Meetings ~
Wednesday, June 1, 2024 – 5:00 PM
- XIII. **Motion to Adjourn Meeting**

Saucon Valley School District
Academic and Personnel Committee
Minutes of April 3, 2024

Present at the April 3, 2024, Academic & Personnel Committee were Academic and Personnel Committee Board Members William Broun, Cedric Dettmar, Tracy Magnotta - online, and Dr. Shamim Pakzad. Also present were Superintendent Jaime Vlasaty, David Bonenberger, Business Manager, and Robert Frey, Director of Student and Community Relations.

- I. **Call to the Order** – 5:05 pm - *Tracy Magnotta, Committee Chair*
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Recording of Attendance** – *Tracy Magnotta, Committee Chair*
3-present, 1-absent (Magnotta)
- IV. **Motion to Approve Agenda** – Director Pakzad, seconded by Director Broun, moved to approve the agenda. Vote: 3-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Magnotta)
- V. **Approval of Minutes** – Director Pakzad, seconded by Director Broun, moved to approve the minutes of March 6, 2024. Vote: 3-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Magnotta)

Director Magnotta arrived at 5:10 pm.

- VI. **Courtesy of the Floor to Visitors – Agenda Items Only** – None
- VII. **Discussion: K-12 Curriculum Process Overview**
Pam Dobson reviewed the work that has been done regarding curriculum review. The implementation plan was presented.
Director Broun feels that someone with a doctoral level is needed to oversee the curriculum or maybe get an educational consultant to help with this process.
- VIII. **Discussion: K-12 Science Curriculum**
Middle school students in grades 6, 7, and 8 will be using OpenSciEd instead of FOSS to meet science standards. The High School will also pilot OpenSciEd for its core science courses during the first quarter of the 2024-2025 school year.
- IX. **Discussion: K-12 Math Curriculum**
The committee took a break from 6:55 to 7:00 pm.

Mrs. Braxmeier and Ms. Hand presented the K-4 Math programs. Middle School doesn't have standard software, instruction, or curricula. They are about to pilot a new math program that will help provide more resources to the students and teachers. The High School has the same missing framework issue that will be addressed.

Director Magnotta left the meeting at 8:15 pm.

- X. **New Business** – Director Broun brought up the topic of AI, and Director Pakzad stated the urgency of looking into AI.

XI. Old Business – Director Broun wanted to know where we were on the topic of the teacher’s moral issue. Director Pakzad stated that everyone in the room was interested in making the school the best and has the best intentions for all the staff.

XII. Citizens’ Inquiries and Comments – None

XIII. Announcements

Future Meetings ~

Wednesday, May 1, 2024 – 5:00 PM

XIV. Motion to Adjourn Meeting

Director Pakzad, seconded by Director Broun, moved to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 3-yes, 0-no, 1-absent (Magnotta)

Time: 9:10 pm