

UPPER PERKIOMEN SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Educational Programs and Services Committee

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Approval of Committee minutes from November 17, 2022 meeting.

Restorative Practices: Professional development for staff has been scheduled for the 22-23 school year. The dates are 11/8/22, 11/18/22, 1/27/23, 3/17/23. Approximately 80 staff members have participated. Trainings will continue into the next few years.

Path 2 Graduation (P2G): P2G continues at the Middle School with monthly meetings and continuing professional development provided by mentors. The program will be started at the High School, beginning with a meeting with building administrators on the background and procedures of P2G.

Parent Engagement Sessions: Hidden, High, and Hammered was held on November 3rd. QBS De-Escalation will be held in January and led by Carol Giblin and Amy Coyle. Transition will be held in March.

Staff Professional Development: To date, PD sessions have included TLS, data review and analysis, Restorative Practice, Responsive Classroom, and MTSS. Upcoming dates for PD are: January 27th-HS data review and analysis, K-3 literacy/writing, TLS at the Middle School. February 17th- data review and analysis district wide. March 17th-Restorative Practice, subject and grade level specific professional learning. May 16th-Special Olympics in the AM, Safety and Security Training in the PM.

NGSS (Next Generation Science Standards): Grades 6-12 are currently revising science curriculum and K-5 will be revising in upcoming years. In the NGSS, there are three dimensions to learning science. The dimensions are combined to form each standard, or performance expectation, and each dimension works with the other two to help students build a cohesive understanding of science over time. The dimensions are: Crosscutting Concepts (cause and effect); Science and Engineering Practices (engaging in argument from evidence); and Disciplinary Core Ideas (chemical reactions). The Science PSSA is moving to 5th grade beginning in 2024-2025.

Standards-Based Report Card in Kindergarten: The format is being reassessed due to the changes from the Common Core. The Common Core has helped to “make learning targets more rigorous, consistent, and transparent. The focus has been to create fewer standards but challenge students to think deeper and work towards more meaningful applications.” The measurement of student achievement demands that grades be more reflective of learning. UPSD has a team that will work on the SBRC and includes Stephanie Diehl, Kathy Fehr, Tessa Kiesel, Mary Kate Raytek and Danelle Rodgers. The process involves an Achievement Key, Subjects (Core, Encore), Standard Categories and Qualities of a Learner. Information about SBRC will be dispersed through the district’s website which will have information, facts and emails for questions. There will be a Principal Skylert/letter, FAQs to all K families and building level staff. At the conferences on November 21, 2022, copies were shown and areas of progress/concern were highlighted and the first issuance will be after Trimester 1 (December 2022).

Curriculum Projects: There are two projects on for board approval. The first is a 2nd and 3rd grade Writing Curriculum with four teachers, TBD, and not to exceed \$2500. The second is a complete Standards Based Report Card for 1st grade with four teachers, TBD, and not to exceed \$1200 with additional time spent in summer 2023.

Mandatory Civics Test: The results from the 2021-2022 Mandatory Civics Test that was taken by 8th graders in May 2022 have been reported by PDE. There were 267 students tested and 255 passed. There were 44 students with 100% and they will each receive a certificate.

The next meeting of the Educational Programs and Services Committee will be held on January 19, 2023. The topics will include PAYS and Climate and Mental/Behavioral Health Support.

