

Date: March 13, 2023
To: LPSD School Board Members
From: Nicole Metzgar and Kate Cornell
Re: March Curriculum Report

Professional Development

UPCOMING:

Power Hour Tuesday, March 21: State Testing info with Ms. Moon McCarley

Late Start Monday, April 3: State Assessment Training with Ms. Moon McCarley

Power Hour Tuesday, April 18: Powerschool Updating Records Training

PREVIOUS:

March 10th Zoom Collaboration w/ Principals: The Admin team shared with Kate and Nicole a list of essential PD training for teachers during the 2022-2023 school year. 2023 Fall Inservice planning and scheduling is underway.

Late Start Monday, March 6: Calibrating the way LPSD assesses student writing PD training. Teachers looked at student writing samples and scored them with LPSD scoring guides. They joined in groups to discuss their scores and to find consistency between teachers and sites across LPSD. This is a very valuable time spent with our team to make sure we are all on the same page when it comes to student writing expectations.

Power Hour Tuesday, February 21: Storytelling Project with AJ Gooden. Igiugig Village Council is heading up a project to have interviews of people in our communities about a variety of topics put onto a website for anyone to enjoy and learn from. AJ Gooden is heading up the project and she has provided our teachers with information and training, and invites any interested person to participate.

2023 ASTE Feb 18-21: LPSD sent seven staff to the ASTE conference. Check out this link to learn more about it: <https://www.aste.org/conference/>

Curriculum

Technology Committee: Technology is a subject that needs updating more often than other subjects. It is time to have a committee take a close look at the standards and make updates as needed.

Textbook Orders: It is that time of year for sites to put in their text book orders for next year. Teachers are taking inventory of onsite textbooks and will submit orders by March 22nd. One thing to note with this, is that each year before we purchase textbooks, we send out requests for textbooks to our staff first and their willingness to share resources between sites has saved us thousands of dollars in purchasing and shipping new books. A big thank you to our staff for packaging and sending textbooks/materials to sites in need!

HS/College Dual Credit: The administration team is working together to draft a policy to share with the board regarding the acceptance of an LPSD HS/College Dual Credit Policy. This would allow college credits HS students earn to be applied to HS requirements needed to graduate. LPSD would continue to only finance college courses students apply for after meeting graduation requirements.

Culture and Curriculum: Conversations continue on ways to strengthen the cultural connection between our school, our students, our learning, and our communities. Members of the school board and LPSD directors continued this conversation via zoom on February 21st. Many invited friends along to enrich the conversation. Here is a link to notes from the conversation. [Culture and Curriculum Meeting Notes](#)

Exploring Ways LPSD's SBS Can Better Support Students: LPSD is always looking at ways we can better support our students and communities. Ideas regarding the number of levels a student needs to master and what the student needs to master are being explored and discussed.

Distance Classes

Mr. Meneskie and Mrs. Nikolaus are beginning to look to the end of distance courses for this year—the last day for distance classes will be April 14, 2023. They will be available during the following weeks to meet one-on-one or with small groups of students who need some extra time in order to complete their levels, or get as far along as they can before next year. We are already beginning to look to next year and what we can do to improve our program.

As always, feel free to contact Kate Cornell at kcornell@lpsd.com (907.571.7020), or Nicole Metzgar at nmetzgar@lpsd.com (907.781.3201). Thanks for all you do!