



Academic Committee  
January 27, 2023  
8:30 am  
Director of Communication Office

**Participants:**

Dr. Mark Ault, Superintendent  
JJ Clark, Parent  
Megan Rivet, Director of Teaching & Instruction  
Katie Conley, Director of Student Services  
Mark Smiley, THS Principal  
Ryan McDonald, BOE President  
Lisa Whiteley, Director of Communications

\*Please know that no decisions were made during this meeting. The purpose of this committee is to discuss the academics of the Three Rivers Local School District. Any District decisions are made during Board of Education meetings. These meeting dates can be found on the Three Rivers Local School District website.

**1) Welcome and Agenda Review**

-Discussion around math and teaching and learning in 2023.

**2) Grading Scale**

-Mr. Smiley met with some of his staff this week to discuss the grading scale.  
-Mr. Smiley shared a Google sheet that shows the breakdown of the grading scale.  
-Mr. Clark mentioned that if a student gets a 0, that grade turns into a 50% so that the student has an opportunity to succeed in the second semester.  
-Mr. McDonald discussed the importance of percentage over a point system.  
-Mr. Smiley shared a Points vs Percents breakdown.  
-Discussion around colleges not taking our grading scale but rather applying applicants grades toward their own specific grading scale.  
-Mr. Clark explained the greater impact of partial credit when grading with a percent scale over a point scale.

-[LINKED HERE](#) is the Semester Average Chart discussed throughout the Academic meeting.

-Dr. Ault explained that the val/sal scholarships are virtually gone. Grading is so subjective that universities are considering a wide variety of components of a student's success (course rigor, experiences, etc.).

-Discussion around exams - around they necessary for accountability or do they make courses more "test heavy?"

-Mr. Clark asked about the test schedule this year because his student had four tests in one day. Mr. Smiley said he's talking to his staff about not focusing on exams but make sure it's an authentic assessment. Mr. Smiley explained the complexity of options presented to teachers regarding testing.

-CCP classes provide the grade to THS.

-If THS switches to percent scales, the final grade will still display as a letter grade.

-Progress Book will still be set up to allow weighted coursework options.

-Discussed possible guidelines around the weighted system.

### **3) Latin System transition**

#### **a) [FAQs](#) DRAFT**

#### **b) [5 year analysis](#) DRAFT**

-Mr. Smiley presented the 5 Year Analysis (linked above).

-Mr. Smiley went through the FAQ sheet (linked above).

-Removin the chart in the FAQ sheet to avoid confusion to a reader.

-looking at changing the scale for Magna to 4.7,

### **4) Elementary Report Card**

-Committee was approved at last board meeting and met on January 26, 2023.

-Looking at standards-based report cards instead of A-F.

-The change will not occur for the 2022-2023 school year.

-TRES is working with someone from the county to look at a variety of options.

### **5) Math Adoption Updates**

-THS is moving forward with the curriculum they are currently using.

-TMS is piloting Into Math and iReady. (grades 5-8)

-TRES will be up for consideration next year.

### **6) Other**

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### **7) Set next meeting date**

-March 3, 2023 - 8:30 am