



Lawrence Family Development Charter School

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Academy for Early Academic Preparation
7 May Street (K-1/K-2)/10 Railroad Street (Grades 1-2)
Lawrence, MA 01841
Ph: 978.258.6210/978.237.0628

Lower School (Grades 3-4)
34 West Street
Lawrence, MA 01840
Ph: 978.689.9863

Upper School (Grades 5-8)
400 Haverhill Street
Lawrence, MA 01841
Ph: 978.738.0609

LFDCS Academic Advisory Subcommittee

March 13, 2024 - 4:00 pm

Maria del Pilar Quintana Family Center
Quintana Center Conference Room or remotely through Zoom
404 Haverhill Street, Lawrence, MA 01840

AGENDA

I. OPEN MEETING

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

III. BUSINESS ITEMS

- *Approval of January 10, 2024, LFDCS Academic Advisory Subcommittee Minutes – Roll Call
Vote Required*
- *Lack of Special Education Staffing*
Teachers believe the LFDCS Special Education Department across all its divisions is not and cannot fully meet the needs of all Special Education students due to a lack of sufficient Special Education staff. At present, there is one (1) Special Education staff member for the Academy and one (1) for the Lower School. Special Education staff are limited as they are trying their best. The lack of Special Education staff is most prevalent in the OT and Speech needs of students. Adequate Special Education staffing will lead to more timely early interventions that address the needs of students and provide lasting benefits for students as they move to the higher grades. Teachers feel strongly that the LFDCS administration should make every effort to increase SPED staffing in the Academy and Lower School.
- *Adjustment of Planning Time*
Teachers across the LFDCS divisions experience an inequity in planning time (Academy, Lower School, Upper School) that are all different. Teachers are hoping the administration can give consideration to adjusting planning times.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

V. ADJOURN – Roll Call Vote Required

Documents used:

March 13, 2024 LFDCS Academic Advisory Subcommittee Agenda

January 10, 2024 Minutes of LFDCS Academic Advisory Subcommittee Meeting