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**LORAIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ACADEMIC DISTRESS COMMISSION**

**AGENDA**

Regular Meeting  
Charleston Administration Center – Room 10  
Monday, December 16, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

**I.** Call to Order – Dr. Zelei, Chair

**II.** Roll Call

Dr. Zelei\_\_\_ Dr. Dietlin\_\_\_ Dr. Hainaj\_\_\_ Mr. Patterson \_\_\_ Mr. Ramos\_\_\_

**III.** Public Comment

Lorain City Schools Board Member, Mr. Jim Smith spoke in regards to consider bringing fine arts back into the buildings. Also mentioned was an article regarding a tax increment financing plan that the City of Lorain wants to discuss in the future with the Board of Education.

**IV.** Approval of Agenda

Motion by: Dr. Dietlin Seconded by: Mr. Patterson

Dr. Zelei X Dr. Dietlin X Dr. Hainaj abstain Mr. Patterson X Mr. Ramos X

**V.** Approval of November 19, 2013 Minutes as attached

Voice Vote: Ayes 4, Nays \_\_\_\_\_, Abstain 1

**VI.** Straight A Application Update

Mr. Tucker reported that Lorain City Schools was not selected to receive the grant. Rachel Tansey provided information regarding how the Straight A Fund was awarded, approximately 500 applications were received and only 24 applications received the grant. It was also mentioned that there will be another opportunity to apply for the grant.

**VII.** Third Grade OAA Presentation

Mr. Tucker presented information regarding the OAA testing, Dr. Hainaj inquired as to how the district prepares each student for the testing. Mrs. Szegedy explained that there is constant progress watching and explained the steps that are taken to monitor each student's progress.

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**VIII. Elementary Instructional Rounds Presentation**

A chart was distributed of the scheduled walk throughs that take place in the elementary buildings. Mr. Patterson and Mr. Ramos shared their experience while walking through various buildings and spoke of all the wonderful teaching that is taking place in the classroom and encouraged all members to walk through the buildings. The formative form that is used on these walk throughs was shared with the Commission.

**IX. Assessment Presentation**

A calendar was reviewed and discussed showing all of the Ohio assessment dates.

**X. Professional Development Presentation**

Mr. Tucker discussed professional development participation and explained that thus far over 80 sessions have occurred. Substitutes are also given the opportunity to participate in these sessions so that there is consistency in the classrooms. Chair Zelei inquired on the attendance of all teachers attending and Mr. Tucker explained that coaches are models for teachers who do not attend PD sessions, the Commission will be updated on all attendance of staff at these sessions.

**XI. Survey Instrument Discussion**

Dr. Richard provided samples of various surveys that can be used for students, parents, staff and community members. Dr. Hainaj discussed that surveys often can be very expensive to obtain. Mr. Ramos suggested that it would be beneficial if surveys were sent out closer to the end of the school year. Dr. Richard is going to research on the cost of the survey and share at the next scheduled meeting.

**XII. Executive Session: For the Discussion of labor negotiations and to consider employment, promotion, demotion of public employees.**

It was determined that there was not a need for an Executive Session.

**XIII. To Exit Executive Session**

**XIV. Adjournment**

Motion by: Dr. Zelei

Seconded by: Mr. Ramos

Voice Vote

Yes 5 No \_\_\_\_\_

**\*The next scheduled meeting will take place on January 22 at 5:00 p.m., Charleston Administration Center, Room 10.**