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Academic Affairs Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday December 8, 2016 at 1:00 PM

Location

AAS Central Office: 850 Hampshire Road, Suite P, Thousand Oaks, CA 91361
2303 243rd Street, Lomita, CA 90717
3901 Carpenter Court, Studio City, CA 91604

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Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Duration
I. Opening Items			
A. Call the Meeting to Order		Miriam Cohen	1
B. Record Attendance and Guests		Miguel Aguilar	1
II. CONSENT ITEMS			
A. Approval of December 8, 2016 Regular Meeting Agenda	Vote	Miriam Cohen	1
B. Approval of the October 18, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes	Approve Minutes	Miriam Cohen	1
III. PUBLIC COMMENT			
A. Public Comment	FYI	Miriam Cohen	5
IV. REPORTS			
A. Staff Report	FYI	J.J. Lewis	5
B. Special Education Department Overview Presentation	FYI	J.J. Lewis	10
V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS			
VI. NEW BUSINESS			
A. Review and Discussion of 9th Grade Math Placement Policy Check-Up	FYI	J.J. Lewis	5
VII. Closing Items			
A. Adjourn Meeting	FYI	Miriam Cohen	1
Next Meeting:			
Thursday, February 9 at 1 pm			

Agenda Cover Sheets

Section: **II. CONSENT ITEMS**
Item: A. Approval of December 8, 2016 Regular Meeting Agenda
Purpose: Vote
Goal:
Submitted by: J.J. Lewis
Related Material:

RECOMMENDATION:
A motion to approve the consent items.

Section: **II. CONSENT ITEMS**
Item: B. Approval of the October 18, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes
Purpose: Approve Minutes
Goal:
Submitted by: Miguel Aguilar
Related Material:

RECOMMENDATION:
A motion to approve the October 18, 2016 regular meeting minutes.

Section: **IV. REPORTS**
Item: A. Staff Report
Purpose: FYI
Goal:
Submitted by: J.J. Lewis
Related Material: Staff Report - December.pdf

Section: **IV. REPORTS**
Item: B. Special Education Department Overview Presentation
Purpose: FYI
Goal:
Submitted by: Ellie Watkins
Related Material:
SPED - December 2016 Academic Affairs Committee Presentation.pdf

Section: **VI. NEW BUSINESS**
Item: A. Review and Discussion of 9th Grade Math Placement Policy
Check-Up
Purpose: FYI
Goal:
Submitted by: Debra Stephan

Related Material:

AAS Committee Memo - 9th Grade Math Placement Policy Check-Up.pdf



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Minutes

Academic Affairs Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday October 13, 2016 at 1:00 PM

Location

Board of Directors Academic Affairs Committee Regular Meeting Notice

Thursday, October 13, 2016

1:00 PM PST

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Committee Members Present

J. Lewis, J. Manwarren, M. Aguilar, M. Koblick (remote)

Committee Members Absent

M. Cohen

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

M. Koblick called a meeting of the Academic Affairs committee of Academy of Arts and Sciences to order on Thursday Oct 13, 2016 @ 1:04 PM.

II. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Approval of October 13, 2016 Regular Meeting Agenda

M. Koblick made a motion to approve consent items.

J. Manwarren seconded the motion.

The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

M. Koblick Aye

M. Cohen Absent

J. Manwarren Aye

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Public Comment

No public comment.

IV. REPORTS

A. Staff Report

Lewis reported that AAS celebrated its first graduate last month. She is a junior who completed both the 11th and 12th grade curriculum and was able to graduate early. Our Counseling Services Department is hosting two (2) virtual presentations in October, in both English and Spanish. Teams from the Academic

Affairs Division participated in a robust curriculum review process. A formal presentation and review is under New Business. AAS is hosting synchronous and asynchronous biology and chemistry labs the first Saturday of every month this school year. They are held at our San Diego and Thousand Oaks Learning Centers, and streamed for those scholars who are unable to attend in person.

B. Summer Remediation Program Presentation

Crystal Villegas, Scholar Intervention Coordinator, shared a presentation on our Summer Remediation Program. This was a 4 week, self-paced independent learning program where scholars used Internet-based instructional programs: Learn Bop and Study Island. The purpose was to allow scholars the opportunity to master middle school content in order to move to next grade successfully.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review and Discussion of Committee Charge

Lewis reviewed the Academic Affairs Committee charge, which was approved at the May 10, 2016 Special Board Meeting, with the committee.

B. Review and Discussion of 9th Grade Math Placement Policy Check-Up

Lewis reviewed the 9th grade math placement track A checkpoint update from the Counseling Services Department, who performed the 30-day checkpoint for our 9th grade scholars per our 9th Grade Math Placement Policy. The checkpoint resulted in one (1) scholar course level change from Honors Algebra to Comprehensive Algebra.

C. Review and Approval of New Curriculum Provider

Lewis reviewed the recommendations from the Admin Team and Curriculum Review Committee. AAS currently uses K12 and FuelEd (a division of K12) as our curriculum providers for Elementary (K12) and Middle and High (FuelEd) schools. Our contract with these providers is up for renewal at the conclusion of the 2016-17 school year. We have reviewed three (3) potential partners: FlipSwitch, K12/FuelEd, and Odysseyware. Based on feedback from our Leadership Team, the overwhelming recommendation is to select K12 for our elementary program, and FlipSwitch for our middle and high school program. Based on feedback from our Curriculum Review Committee, the unanimous recommendation is to select FlipSwitch for our middle and high school program.

M. Koblick made a motion to recommend to the full Board of Directors the approval of K12 as the curriculum provider for Elementary School, and FlipSwitch as the curriculum provider for Middle and High School.

J. Manwarren seconded the motion.

The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

J. Manwarren Aye
M. Cohen Absent
M. Koblick Aye

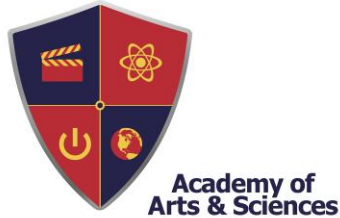
VI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 1:46 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

M. Aguilar



Staff Report
December 8, 2016

This report is meant to provide updates to the Board of Directors Academic Affairs Committee:

Bullying and Safety Workshop Series

Our Counseling Services Department is hosting two (2) virtual presentations on January 11th and 12th for our 6-12th scholars to help them deal with online bullying and online safety.

Class of 2017

Graduation dates have been secured for the Class of 2017. Save the Date!

Thursday, June 8: Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park

Friday, June 9: Fresno State University, Fresno

Monday, June 12: Sunset Hills Country Club, Thousand Oaks

Tuesday, June 13: San Diego State University, San Diego

i-Ready Diagnostic Testing

Mid-year i-Ready testing is scheduled. Track A scholars in grades 6-12 will test January 26-29th; all K-5 scholars and Track B scholars in grades 6-12 will test February 7th-10th; and Track C scholars in grades 6-12 will test March 7th-10th.

Naviance

The Counseling Services Department launched Naviance for our high school scholars. This is a resource to help increase scholar's college and career readiness. It provides college research tools, career planning, career research, exit surveys for seniors and can eventually be used for college applications. Our College and Career Counselor, Edith Cruz, will be hosting workshops starting 2nd semester to help scholars navigate the program.

Project Based Learning

K-5 is currently doing three project based Learning Labs:

- Grades k-1- The Great Harvest
- Grades 2-3- Celebrating Community Heroes
- Grades 4-5- Designing a Dream Bedroom

Each grade level is attending live session and completing projects that cross curriculum, with an emphasis on language arts vocabulary and math order of operations.

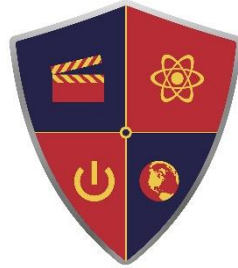
“Success Academy” Celebration Ceremony

This virtual celebration will be held Friday December ,16th at 1 pm. 40 scholars have participated in this 6-week intervention program, designed for scholars categorized as Tier 2. Scholars will be rewarded and recognized based on their academic growth as measured through our i-Ready diagnostic tool. The next 6-week session will begin in January.

If there are any questions on this report, please feel free to contact:

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SPED – December 2016

SPECIAL EDUCATION – Academic Affairs

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Special Education Staff

- **Ellie Watkins – Special Education Manager**
- **Danielle Hodge-Currently on Medical Leave**
- **Mark Holtebeck – Case Manager for High School and Middle School and SAI for Math**
- **Glen Johnson- Case Manage & SAI for Elementary and Middle School primarily Language Arts and Reading**
- **Leah Wall – Case Manger for Home Study**
- **All hold CA Education Specialist Instruction Credentials (Special Education Credentials)**



AAS IEP SCHOLAR AT A GLANCE

- The AAS SPED department has created an individual document for each Scholar with an IEP that includes:
 - Scholar Goals (provides an idea of the scholars current academic level)
 - Supplementary Aids, Services and other supports for school personnel (Identifies the accommodations and or modifications that the teachers are REQUIRED to follow)
 - Services (Teachers are able to see how much time the SPED team is working with the scholar in dedicated SAI sessions)

Link to At A Glance

- <https://drive.google.com/a/aascalifornia.org/folderview?id=0B6JyP5e8kKWHNUhIdVBBVkpLZTg&usp=sharing>



AAS PLOP Folder

The AAS SPED Team has created a PLOP folder for each scholar:

- The PLOP is revised each quarter by GE Teachers and SPED
- GE Teachers need to review and update the form prior to ALL Annual and Triennial IEP meetings
- GE teachers need to give an overview on scholar course progress and participation---please be specific
- GE teachers will provide 5 strengths for the scholar in their courses
- GE teachers will provide 5 weaknesses for each scholar
- GE teachers will provide suggested goals
- GE teachers will identify any concerns they have for scholar' s academic, social/emotional, and/or personal needs.
- GE teachers will be asked by the School Psychologist to complete a Social Emotional Inventory prior to Triennial IEP meeting

Link to the PLOP Link to At A Glance

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SPECIAL EDUCATION PROCESS

Two Key Processes & Timelines



IEP PROCESS



AAS SPED Scholars

Currently AAS serves over 100 scholars with IEPs

- Scholars enroll with IEPs from their previous district
- During the enrollment process, Ellie Watkins (SPED Manager) contacts the Parent/LC to described the AAS SPED program
- AAS accepts their current IEP and schedules a 30 day IEP to review goals and services and change the IEP to reflect the AAS programs and services



Accommodations

An accommodation allows a scholar to complete the same assignment or test as other scholars, but with a change in the timing, formatting, setting, scheduling, response and/or presentation. Accommodations do not alter in any significant way what the test or assignment measures.



Examples of Accommodations

- Time: extend the time allotted to take a test, finish an assignment, learn a concept, or complete an activity
- Setting: Scholars can take tests in a distraction free space so it is easier for them to focus
- Level of support : Paraprofessional or peer support
- Reduce Response Effort: Use of a calculator, scribe, or word processor to assist the scholar. The scholar must still understand the concept
- Sensory Items: Fidgets to help scholars focus
- Visual Schedules



Modifications

- Modifications are adjustments to an assignment or test that changes the standard of what the test or assignment is supposed to measure.



Examples of Modifications

- Quantity: Modify the number of items the scholar is expected to learn or complete that has them doing only the easier items not the more difficult items
- Output: How the scholar responds to instruction can be modified by choosing an easier response method. Multiple choice questions instead of an essay. Instead of open-ended questions, scholars may be given a yes/no strategy option
- Alternate goals: Use the General Education curriculum while adapting the outcome or expectation



The CHIME Institute

- The CHIME Institute was attended by the AAS CHIME TEAM - Ellie Watkins (SPED Manager), Janae Smith (GEN ED Teacher), and Mark Holtebeck (SPED Teacher)
- The purpose of the CHIME Institute was to introduce school teams to the concept of Inclusive Education
- AAS will begin to implement the Inclusion concepts from the CHIME Institute this year 2016-17 beginning with staff education on Universal Design for Learning (UDL)



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CLEARING A PATH
FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS
CLEARS THE PATH FOR EVERYONE!



The CHIME Institute

What is an Inclusive Learning Environment?

”Inclusive schools welcome students of all ability levels. Educators are committed to ensuring that students with mild to severe disabilities, and students from diverse backgrounds are full members of the classroom community. Evidence-based and promising practices drive instruction. Important academic, social, and ethical skills and attitudes are developed when students with various strengths, needs and backgrounds learn together” (CHIME Institute).



The CHIME Institute

UNIVERSAL DESIGN FOR LEARNING (UDL) is a scientifically valid framework for guiding educational practice that:

A) Provides flexibility in the ways information is presented, in ways students respond or demonstrate knowledge or skills, and the ways students are engaged

B) Reduces barriers in instruction, provides appropriate accommodations, supports, and challenges, and maintains high achievement expectations for all students, including students with disabilities and students who are limited English proficient



AAS Inclusion

1. AAS has recently chosen a new curriculum that will better support our AAS Mission “to inspire and develop innovative, creative, self-directed learners, one scholar at a time”
2. AAS has created positions to help support scholars (i.e. Special Education Manager, Intervention coordinator, hiring more Special Education teachers, department chairs, Instructional Services Manager, Counseling Services manager and Academic Affairs director)
3. The Scholars with IEPs and other learning needs already have access to the standard based, grade level curriculum



CHIME Action Plan

First:

CHIME team will share out our plan with Admin

Then:

CHIME Inclusion team will work together to plan and develop a professional development on Universal Design for Learning (UDL) and be prepared to present this training for the All Staff Professional Development at either the January 2017 AAS PD and/or the AAS school wide Retreat in August 2017.

Lastly:

CHIME team will work with staff and teachers to implement UDL and complete a UDL form to help guide additional trainings.



CHIME Action Plan

Universal Design for Learning aligns with the AAS Mission “to inspire and develop innovative, creative, self-directed learners, one scholar at a time.”

UDL also aligns with the AAS vision to “create a collaborative virtual learning community, inspiring scholars to appreciate the ways in which arts and sciences nurture a curiosity for life-long learning, and prepare scholars to take responsibility for their future success.”

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Memorandum

To: Academic Affairs Committee
From: Debra Stephan, Counseling Services Manager
Date: December 8th, 2016
RE: **9th Grade Math Placement Track B Checkpoint Update**

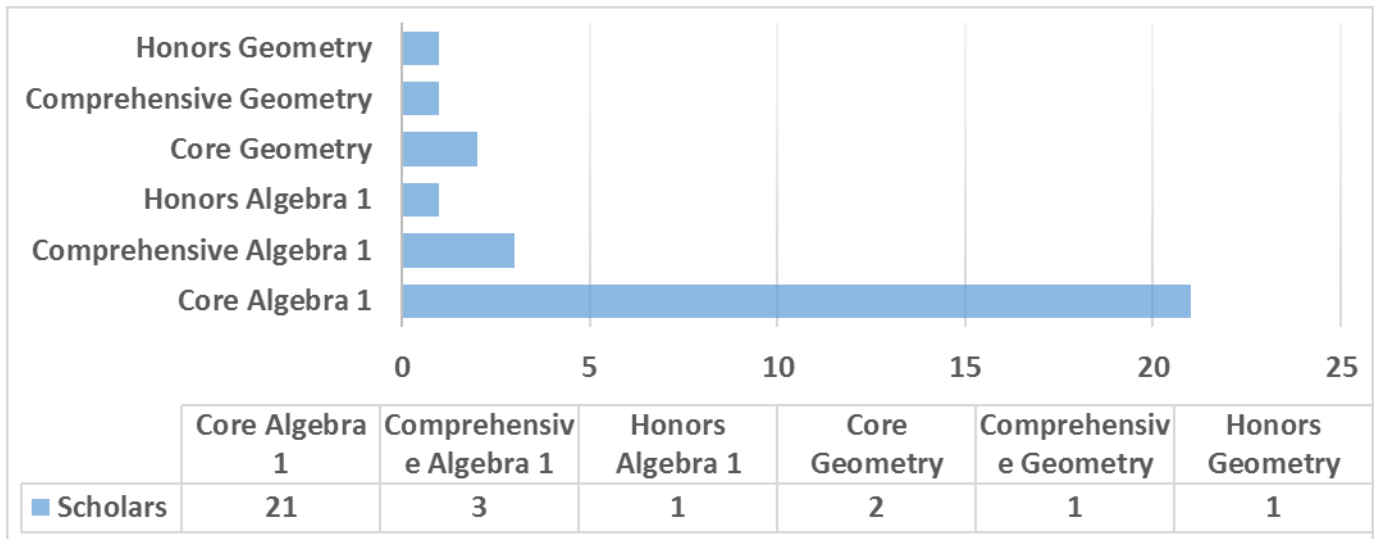
The Counseling Services Department performed the 30-day checkpoint for our 9th grade scholars per our 9th Grade Math Placement Policy, based on the following indicators:

- I-Ready math diagnostic test
- Course progress/performance evaluation
- Teacher recommendation

The checkpoint resulted in zero scholar course level changes.

Scholar placement data will continually be tracked throughout the school year and a final report will be provided to the Academic Affairs Committee at the conclusion of the school year.

Course Placement of Scholars Across Course Content and Levels – 29 Scholars



Action Requested:
None. Informational only.

Reviewed and Approved for Submission:

J.J. Lewis
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