



# The Anchor School

## Minutes

### Academic Achievement Committee Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Tuesday April 30, 2024 at 8:00 PM

#### Location

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#### Committee Members Present

E. Desprez Isbell (remote), N. LeBlanc (remote)

#### Committee Members Absent

J. Burton

#### Guests Present

M. Felts (remote)

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### I. Opening Items

#### A. Record Attendance

#### B. Call the Meeting to Order

N. LeBlanc called a meeting of the Academic Achievement Committee of The Anchor School to order on Tuesday Apr 30, 2024 at 8:10 PM.

#### C.

### Approve Minutes

E. Desprez Isbell made a motion to approve meeting minutes for tonight.

N. LeBlanc seconded the motion.

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

## II. Academic Achievement & Calendar

### A. 2024-2025 Strategic Goals

- First strategic committee goal: ensure **The Anchor School meets its charter contract academic goals for 6th and 7th grade students in the 2024-2025 school year.**

E. Desprez Isbell made a motion to approve the first, documented strategic goal for the Academic Achievement Committee for the 2024-2025 school year.

N. LeBlanc seconded the motion.

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

### B. Academic Oversight

**Committee needs for greater academic oversight:**

- Identify what should be displayed on the academic dashboard, and what we should collect from staff for the dashboard.
- Capture school-wide academic goals from Dr. Pinto-Taylor for committee oversight.
- Deeper understanding and oversight of the academic goals in the Comprehensive Performance Framework
- Identify all of the records, reports, and information that this committee needs to be a master of for the whole board

### Things to gauge

- Likelihood of student success for milestones (benchmark assessments)
- MAP, 3x a year (not in it of itself, but how it relates to a predictor to milestones—predictor cut score)
- Consider incorporating DRC Beacon (if not happening already) in to assessments (used as a standard by GDOE)
- Student growth measure (?)
- **To do:** confirm school's current status on interim assessments

### C. Recommendation for the Academic Calendar Update

- Need to set up an academic benchmark calendar (can incorporate MAP and DRC Beacon)
- Votes coming from this committee for the May board meeting
  - Aligning school's spring break week to align with Dekalb County spring break
  - Student information system vendor

### **III. Other Business**

#### **A. Presenting at Monthly Board Meetings**

- (non-final) Committee to determine topics to present on a monthly cadence to the whole board. Some ideas to consider:
  - Attendance
  - Discipline
  - Committee developments

#### **B. Future Attendees**

Committee to determine which staff should actively attend committee meetings moving forward:

- Kamilyah Hardaway, M.Ed. - Director of Personalized Learning
- Ms. Larissa Long, M.Ed. - 6th Grade Personalized Learning Educator
- Jasmine Andrews, M.Ed. - Director of Middle School

### **IV. Closing Items**

#### **A. Commitments:**

Follow-up with Dr. Pinto-Taylor (Emily):

- Interim assessments
- Recommendation to use DRC Beacon
- Recommended Staff invites to future committee meetings
- Incorporating the MAP-to-milestone comparison

Follow-up with Dr. Gregory (Nicole):

- Readiness of the new board calendar
- Student information system vendor

#### **B.**

### **Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
N. LeBlanc

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**The Anchor School** is a village of educators, families, and community members that partners with 6th through 12th-grade students\* who are developing the knowledge, skills, and confidence they need to thrive in school and beyond. Through our commitment to excellent instruction, community partnerships, and holistic student development, we cultivate anchors that build a more just and equitable future.

*\*In August 2022, the SCSC authorized TAS as a GA Charter School with approval to enroll students who will be in the 6th grade in the fall of 2023.*