



The Anchor School

Minutes

Academic Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday February 12, 2025 at 8:00 PM

Location

meet.google.com/mrr-ohup-ehi

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Committee Members Present

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

Committee Members Absent

J. Burton

Guests Present

J. Pinto Taylor (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

E. Desprez Isbell called a meeting of the Academic Achievement Committee of The Anchor School to order on Wednesday Feb 12, 2025 at 8:10 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

E. Desprez Isbell made a motion to approve the minutes from Academic Committee Meeting on 01-08-25.

S. Birch seconded the motion.

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

II. Academic Achievement

A. Academic Data Review

- Reviewed MAP growth and achievement scores from Fall to Winter
- Discussed remediation plans and strategic plans related to closing gaps
 - Fine tuning WIN block, piloting new ways to use this time for more personalized instruction (drop everything and read and/or Khan Academy (starting March 1) based on MAP data)
- **Action Item:**
 - Josh: Moving forward, the committee would like to see the graphs (visualization of the MAP data)
 - Josh: Discuss an end Q3 interim assessment with directors/teachers
 - Emily: to send links to some testing materials and resources

B. Academic Assessment Calendar

- Discussed the changes to the Academic Assessment Calendar based on feedback from the state that Milestones cannot be administered more than 25 days before the last day of school
- Action Item:
 - Josh: to confirm with Ms. Hardaway that there is enough time for make-ups (based on the state timeline requirements).

C. Academic Calendar for SY25-26

- Discussed the Academic Calendar for the SY25-26. Follows Dekalb County fairly closely
- Action Item:
 - Josh: Report back to the board in the February board meeting whether or not there is a significant difference in attendance during Dekalb's February break week.

D. Bell Schedule Options for SY25-26

E.

Review CPF Academic Score

- Operationally - very strong for a first year school
- Financially - feedback for EdTech around cash on hand, budget planning in the future to ensure more than 30 days cash on hand. A small error in our banking distinctions that was a 0 or 20 point in the audit, and so we received 0 points.
- Academically - really close on content mastery (-1 point), we now which 5 middle schools around 60% of our student would be districted to, 90% of our students from Dekalb County

Action Item:

- Josh - email to learn why TAS math data is not uploaded on the GaDOE website and is that impacting progress score
- Emily - email the committee some additional resources for understanding the CPF deeper

III. Accreditation Updates

A. Accreditation Workbook

- Committee members contributed feedback via email
- Report will be submitted this week
- School visit from accreditor is March 11

IV. 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 9:38 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
E. Desprez Isbell

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.*