



Environmental Charter Schools

Academic Excellence Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday March 8, 2018 at 4:30 PM PST

Location

2625 Manhattan Beach Blvd. Suite 100 Redondo Beach, CA 90278

Academic Excellence Committee Members

Danielle Kelsick - Chair

Kami Cotler - Co-chair

Ken Deemer

Jenni Owen

Cathy Creasia

Zena Fong

Academic Excellence Charter

- Supports organizational focus on the key ECS school charter petitions' promises we have made to our community and to our authorizer, and continues to regularly revisit and reinvigorate these promises.
 - Considers student outcomes which are not strictly academic, but may be crucial for achieving our mission and which directly support academic excellence.
 - Work with the school leadership to continue to devise and refine clear and consistent ways to measure progress towards stated goals, such as those within the ECS mission, ECS school charters, Local Control Accountability Plans, WASC Action Plans, etc.
 - Work with school leadership to share with the board annual successes, barriers to reaching academic excellence, and strategies to overcome these barriers.
 - Arrange for Board training on issues related to academic oversight and academic achievement, as needed.
 - Provide insight to the board during the strategic planning process.
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- Annually evaluate its work as a committee and the objectives it has committed itself to and report on same to the Board of Directors.

Proposed Goals for 2016-2017

1. Participate in the development of the LCAPs by reviewing data, identified needs, actions and resource allocation and provide feedback to site leaders.
2. Improve the flow of meaningful information about academic priorities and progress from the school sites to the board.
3. Generate a list of goals for 2017-18.

THE ORDER OF BUSINESS MAY BE CHANGED WITHOUT NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the order of consideration of matters on this agenda may be changed without prior notice.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS AT STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Notice is hereby given that consistent with the requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act, special presentations not mentioned in the agenda may be made at this meeting. However, any such presentation will be for information only. The public should be aware that the Committee is unable by law to deliberate or take action on items raised during the Presentations from the Floor section.

Environmental Charter Schools recognizes that it benefits greatly from public input and perspective. Individuals are invited to address the Committee on any topic or subject matter that falls within the Committee's purview. Speakers may sign up in person immediately prior to the beginning of the Committee meeting by speaking with the Committee Chair.

Should a member of the public wish to speak on matters not listed on the agenda, they may speak during the Presentations from the Floor section of the agenda. Speakers will be given a maximum of three (3) minutes each to address the Committee (non-English speakers utilizing translators will be given a maximum of six (6) minutes each). Please note that the Committee allows a maximum of 10 minutes to each subject as determined by the Committee Chair.

Should a member of the public wish to speak on matters listed on the agenda, they may speak during the Presentations from the Floor section of the agenda. Speakers will be given a maximum of five (5) minutes each to address the Committee (non-English speakers utilizing translators will be given a maximum of ten (10) minutes each).

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Agenda

I. Opening Items

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- A. Record Attendance and Guests
- B. Call the Meeting to Order

II. Review and Approval of Agenda

Academic Excellence

- A. Motion to Approve the Agenda
- B. Approve previous Academic Excellence Committee Meeting Minutes
Meeting Minutes from July 27, 2017
Approve minutes for Academic Excellence Committee Meeting on January 18, 2018

III. Presentation from the Floor

A. Presentation from the Floor

At this time any person wishing to speak to any item not on the agenda will be granted three minutes to make a presentation to the committee. Non-English speakers utilizing translators will be granted six minutes to make a presentation to the committee.

B. Presentation on the Agenda

Any person wishing to speak to any item on the agenda will be granted five minutes to make a presentation. Non-English speakers utilizing translators will be granted ten minutes to make a presentation to the committee.

IV. Discussion Items / Updates

A. Rate of Growth as Performance Metric

- Read [Stanford article](#) on rate of growth as a performance metric

◦ Discussion Questions:

1. How can rate of growth help us understand our progress and equity issues?
2. How can we use this study as a learning opportunity for the rest of the board and/or authorizers?

B. Logic Model Progress

C. Pre-CAASPP Action Plans

Review site-level pre-CAASPP action plans.

V. Action Item

A. Board Share-Out

- How should we share our conversation and insights with the rest of the board?
- Who will be the point person?

VI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting