



# Environmental Charter Schools

## Minutes

### Academic Excellence Committee Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Friday February 17, 2017 at 2:30 PM

#### Location

812 W. 165th Place Gardena, CA 90247

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#### Academic Excellence Committee Members

Kami Cotler

Danielle Kelsick

Ken Deemer

Jenni Owen

#### 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.

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### **Committee Members Present**

Danielle Kelsick, Jenni Owen, Kami Cotler, Ken Deemer

### **Committee Members Absent**

*None*

### **Guests Present**

Dani Hughes

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## **I. Opening Items**

### **A.**

## **Record Attendance and Guests**

### **B. Call the Meeting to Order**

Kami Cotler called a meeting of the Academic Excellence Committee of Environmental Charter Schools to order on Friday Feb 17, 2017 at 2:40 PM.

## **II. Review and Approval of Agenda**

### **A. Motion to Approve the Agenda**

Ken Deemer made a motion to Approve the agenda.

Jenni Owen seconded the motion.

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

## **III. Presentation from the Floor**

### **A. Presentation from the Floor**

There were no presentations from the floor

### **B. Presentation on the Agenda**

There were no presentations

## **IV. Discussion Items / Updates**

### **A. Introduction**

### **B. Determining Committee Chairperson**

Danielle Kelsick and Kami Cotler will co-chair

### **C. meeting schedule**

Meetings will be aligned with assessment flow and planning calendar at the schools--  
February, mid March, mid July, mid December.

### **D. Review Committee Charter**

Committee charter was reviewed.

### **E. Consider other members**

Academic Excellence is a Brown-acted, public meeting. Anyone is welcome to attend.  
The committee may ask ECS site leaders to attend when the work of the committee requires it, however ECS site leaders are encouraged to attend at any time.

### **F. review achievement data, including state metrics (CAASPP)**

Reviewed state dashboard and 5 by 5 charts generated by CDE. Discussed ways to identify priorities in a sea of data.

## **V. Action Item**

### **A. Election of Chair**

Ken Deemer made a motion to appoint Danielle Kelsick and Kami Cotler as co-chairs.

Jenni Owen seconded the motion.

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

## **VI. Closing Items**

### **A. Adjourn Meeting**

Danielle Kelsick made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Jenni Owen seconded the motion.

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

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kami Cotler