



Environmental Charter Schools

Minutes

Academic Excellence Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Monday March 27, 2017 at 3:00 PM

Location

16315 Grevillea Ave. Lawndale, CA 90260

Academic Excellence Committee Members

Danielle Kelsick - Chair

Kami Cotler - Co-chair

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

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Danielle Kelsick called a meeting of the Academic Excellence Committee of Environmental Charter Schools to order on Monday Mar 27, 2017 at 3:13 PM.

II. Review and Approval of Agenda

A. Motion to Approve the Agenda

Danielle Kelsick made a motion to approve agenda.

Ken Deemer seconded the motion.

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

B. Approve previous Academic Excellence Committee Meeting Minutes

Ken Deemer made a motion to approve minutes from the Academic Excellence Committee Meeting on 02-17-17 Academic Excellence Committee Meeting on 02-17-17.

Danielle Kelsick seconded the motion.

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

III. Presentation from the Floor

A. Presentation from the Floor

none at this time

B. Presentation on the Agenda

None at this time

IV. Discussion Items / Updates

A. Introductions

No introductions were necessary.

B. Review data categories

Committee discussed categories used on SchoolZilla's Mosaic dashboard and possible benefit of Mosaic

One category of data is data pertinent to renewal

C. Review data calendar

Committee reviewed data calendar and discussed types of data available and its timing. Danielle and Kami shared that cabinet was considering a cross-campus math task force or work group to identify a shared vision for math instruction. Data indicates that math is the area with the greatest need for student growth. Sites are implementing a range of

strategies to improve math outcomes and may benefit from a unified focus and collaboration on math.

D. Discuss prioritizing academic data

Committee reviewed ECS Metrics and discussed ways to establish priorities among the metrics and considered prioritizing data related to school renewal first and meeting of mission/vision next.

- **RENEWAL:** Have we met the metrics that will be considered per ed code during renewal?
 - CA Dashboard metrics
 - Petition metrics
 - Comparison to resident and comparison schools
- **MISSION:** How do we measure how well we are meeting our mission?
 - Use service learning/civic action as strategy for addressing deficiencies on CA Dashboard

The question of how to measure service learning was raised. Danielle shared that service learning is scored on our Teaching Best Practices rubric. Committee discussed possible ways to increase feedback and measurement of service learning at ECS. Teachers have expressed a desire for additional professional development on service learning

Next steps:

- Create a report like Inglewood's early renewal document for other two campuses
 - Focus on "survival" data

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V. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Jenni Owen made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Ken Deemer 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 4:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kami Cotler