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Environmental Charter Schools

Minutes

Academic Excellence Committee Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday March 8, 2018 at 4:30 PM

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.
- 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

Jenni Owen (remote), Ken Deemer, Zena Fong

Committee Members Absent

Cathy Creasia, Danielle Kelsick, Kami Cotler

Guests Present

Alison Diaz, Paola Reyes, Robert Maxwell

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Alison Diaz called a meeting of the Academic Excellence Committee of Environmental Charter Schools to order on Thursday Mar 8, 2018 at 4:38 PM.

II. Review and Approval of Agenda

A. Motion to Approve the Agenda

Ken Deemer made a motion to approve the agenda.
Zena Fong seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Danielle Kelsick	Absent
Jenni Owen	Aye
Jeremiah Rosario David	Absent
Kami Cotler	Absent
Alison Diaz	Aye
Cathy Creasia	Absent
Ken Deemer	Aye

Roll Call

Zena Fong	Aye

B. Approve previous Academic Excellence Committee Meeting Minutes

Ken Deemer made a motion to approve minutes from the Academic Excellence Committee Meeting on 01-18-18 Academic Excellence Committee Meeting on 01-18-18.
Zena Fong seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Alison Diaz	Aye
Kami Cotler	Absent
Zena Fong	Aye
Jeremiah Rosario David	Absent
Jenni Owen	Aye
Cathy Creasia	Absent
Danielle Kelsick	Absent
Ken Deemer	Aye

III. Discussion Items / Updates

A. Rate of Growth as Performance Metric

- New indicators of quality education are being considered, including students' academic progress throughout their years of schooling.
- Growth rates in multiple low-income districts outpace the growth rates in districts with more resources. This suggests that poverty may not determine the quality of a school system.
- At the beginning of the school year, ECS set performance goals and implemented a logic model to achieve them. Ken Deemer inquired about the status of that logic model.

B. Logic Model Progress

- Robert Maxwell presented on ECS' progress on the logic model. Using RIT scores generated from the NWEA, SBAC scores can be predicted. This allows ECS to set reasonable and feasible goals.
- Ken Deemer posed the following questions: Is there any reason to think about trying to measure and set goals for growth instead of outcome? How do we work towards thinking about value added?
- According to the predictions, only some cohorts will meet their goals. The Pre-CAASPP Action plans created by the Cabinet include initiatives to generate rapid growth. These are currently being implemented.

C. Pre-CAASPP Action Plans

- Informed by the most recent data available, the Cabinet created Pre-CAASPP Action Plans for each ECS site.
- These include short-term and long-term actions intended to address challenges specific to each site.
- Thanks to clearer data, we have been able to implement more nuanced and direct actions.

IV. Action Item

A. Board Share-Out

Committee members decided that, at this time, they do not have new information to report to the Board.

V. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Alison Diaz made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Ken Deemer seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
Danielle Kelsick	Absent
Kami Cotler	Absent
Cathy Creasia	Absent
Alison Diaz	Aye
Ken Deemer	Aye
Jenni Owen	Aye
Zena Fong	Aye
Jeremiah Rosario David	Absent

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Paola Reyes