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Wesley International Academy

Minutes

September Academic Excellence Committee

Date and Time
Tuesday September 15, 2026 at 4:30 PM

Committee Members Present
A. Sumter (remote), B. Lane (remote), C. Hudson (remote), J. Marshall (remote), K. Boyer (remote), R. Edwards (remote), R. Goodman (remote), R. Singh (remote), S. Finney (remote), S. Williams (remote)

Committee Members Absent
N. Walker, O. Okwara

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

A. Sumter called a meeting of the Academic Excellence Committee of Wesley International Academy to order on Tuesday Sep 15, 2026 at 4:34 PM.

C. Approve Agenda

J. Marshall made a motion to Approve agenda.
S. Williams seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** to approve the motion.

D.

Approve Minutes

R. Goodman made a motion to approve the minutes from Academic Excellence Committee Meeting on 05-19-26.
R. Singh seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. Academic Excellence

A. Set Committee Roster

Roster: (Board) Alvin Sumter, Nigel Walker, Obi Okwara, Raj Singh, Senaca Williams
(Staff) Jason Marshall, Rachel Goodman, Dr. Ray Edwards, Sean Finney, Crystal Hudson, Latrice Shephard, Ugonna Love, Courtney Scott, Virginia Cainion, Nicole Busari, Cassandra Thomas, Ambree Hammond

B. AEC Goals (Discuss & Vote)

Three goals:

- create a screen time policy for K-8 grades
- create an AI usage policy in grades K-8
- create a standardized data reporting calendar to provide more consistent, proactive approach to review academic data

Expanded discussion on:

- Re: expanding on the necessity for goal 3. Rachel shared that historically we haven't taken a standardized, proactive approach to reporting data. Creating this calendar and implementing it will allow us to present based on the cyclical nature of the data and be able to analyze with greater validity.
- Re: nature AI usage and a question raised on what data policy we are using with software vendors (are we using theirs or ours). If we don't have one, start with APS policy.
- Next steps: Subcommittees to move the 3 goals forward; Mr. Marshall would like Rachel to maintain an aerial view of all three goals, Dr. Edwards to run one and the two others be run by a member of Dr. Edwards' team.
- Mr. Marshall highlighted the book called The Anxious Generation by Jonathan Haidt and its impact on youth re: screen time, internet, social media, etc. and encouraged this committee to read it as it directly relates to the two first goals

R. Goodman made a motion to approve the three academic goals as listed above.

A. Sumter seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** to approve the motion.

C. School Based Updates

Rachel Goodman presented Focus & Priorities for the 2026-27 school year as a leadership team. (get slide deck from Rachel)

1. Tier 1 Instruction (walk throughs, rigor, strong grade-level teaching in every classroom; directly tied to the strategic plan)
2. Universally Designed Instruction
3. STEM Certification

Took those three goals and created deliverables including:

- a data dashboard
- coaching framework
- continuous school improvement plan
- charter renewal and audit documents

III. 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 5:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
R. Singh