



Lowcountry Montessori School

Minutes

Academic Excellence Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday October 23, 2019 at 4:00 PM

The mission of Lowcountry Montessori School is to provide an authentic Montessori education building a foundation for lifelong learning.

Committee Members Present

A. Horn, D. Yates, S. Lemstrom

Committee Members Absent

None

Guests Present

Alex Moody, Dan Mackin, Shaun Morgan

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

A. Horn called a meeting of the Academic Excellence Committee of Lowcountry Montessori School to order on Wednesday Oct 23, 2019 at 4:01 PM.

II. Academic Excellence

A. ATSI Funds

Discuss ideas of how the funds can be used. Generate ideas and suggestions from committee.

Stipend to individuals that could help support students during the day in the classroom.
Reach out to local colleges to find tutors.

B. Purpose of Committee

To ensure compliance with our charter.

Improve the education for all students in the school.

Utilizing internal data to show student growth.

C. Goals for 2019-20

Correlating Montessori materials to SC standards by April 2020 for math and language. If the bulk of this has been done, we will have this completed by January 1st, 2020.

Teaching test taking strategies within the classroom.

Using STAR assessment data to drive the Montessori lessons that the child may need in Lower Elementary and Upper Elementary.

Review charter goals and amend as needed.

Identifying students that are struggling with math and utilizing an interventionist to assist in the process.

Identifying which HS courses need to be developed with new course codes and processed through the Department of Education.

D. SC Report Card

Math is definitely a focus for improvement. Matt is preparing data to look at the trends of the past few years of testing.

III. Action Item

A. Action Items

Reach out to other Montessori school for correlations to state standards.

Dan is going to look at standards for self construction strand and work with Stephen to compile for Theory of Knowledge and Self and Social Responsibility.

Complete application for ATSI grant and submit.

Continue working on interventions with students who are struggling.

IV. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

A. Horn made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

S. Lemstrom 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 5:33 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A. Horn