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Martin Luther King Jr. Charter School of Excellence

Minutes

Academic Excellence Committee Meeting

Date and Time
Monday October 7, 2024 at 10:00 AM

Committee Members Present
Diana Yousfi (remote), Jennifer Wallace-Johnson (remote), Kendra Salvador (remote), Kiyota Garcia (remote)

Committee Members Absent
None

Guests Present
James Lightfoot (remote), Kaitlyn DiSessa (remote), Khalid Shehemi (remote), Lisa Kozik (remote), Rebecca Sela (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Jennifer Wallace-Johnson called a meeting of the Academic Excellence Committee Committee of Martin Luther King Jr. Charter School of Excellence to order on Monday Oct 7, 2024 at 10:03 AM.

II. Academic Excellence

A. Academic Data Update

The academic leadership team presented the Annual strategic priorities for the 2024-2025 school year.
-High-quality Tier 1 instruction
-Frequent and Responsive Data Cycles

Then the academic leadership team presented an overview of the curriculum that will be used this school year for all core content areas. This overview also included an overview of curriculum for ESL and Special Education.

The academic leadership team then shared the assessment strategy for this school year for September- June. There was discussion on the different types of assessments, the purpose that they serve, and the information and data that is provided on student achievement and progress.

We then reviewed and discussed MCAS data from Spring 2024. This data was presented as overall as well as by student subgroups. The data for this last MCAS was better than years prior, but there was an acknowledgment that there is still much more work to do. The academic team discussed the adjustments that they have been putting into place over the last few years that were interrupted by Covid. They did share that these shifts to our approach - to be aligned with the Science of Reading as well as strengthening our early literacy program is finally beginning to come to fruition (work began in around SY2018-2019). We looked at student growth. The trend is positive.

The team then reviewed the categories and weights for DESE Accountability. We reviewed our Accountability Reporting for 2024. We fell in the “moderate progress towards targets" category.

We then shifted to look at beginning of year (BOY) data in reading and math from the i-Ready assessment. We also looked at this data in terms of a year-over-year comparison. The trend in student progress is positive. We looked at BOY data overall as well as special education and ESL subgroups of students.

Finally, we looked at the academic leadership team’s Quarter 1 plan - where they are focusing for September and October in terms of instructional planning and delivery, coaching, and professional development. This also included screening assessments and school-wide events that are upcoming.

B. Planning Ahead

We confirmed our meeting rhythm for this year - monthly, the second Tuesday at 10:15 am.

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 11:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Wallace-Johnson

Documents used during the meeting

None