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Martin Luther King Jr. Charter School of Excellence

Minutes

Strategic Planning Committee Committee Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday July 31, 2025 at 5:00 PM

Location: Zoom

Committee Members Present: Jennifer Wallace-Johnson (remote), Denise Pagan (remote), and Alton Jones (remote)

Guests Present: Kendra Salvador (remote)

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Alton Jones (remote), Denise Pagan-Vega (remote), Kendra Salvador (remote)

Committee Members Absent
None

Guests Present
Jennifer Wallace-Johnson (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. **Record Attendance**

B. **Call the Meeting to Order**

Alton Jones called a meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee Committee of Martin Luther King Jr. Charter School of Excellence to order on Thursday Jul 31, 2025 at 5:02 PM.

II. Strategic Planning

A. Strategic Planning

- Committee members discussed progress towards current committee goals and what goals we might set next.
- Jennifer discussed a STCC colleague that she would connect with regarding ECC requirements and another STCC colleague that she would connect with regarding partnering on a para and teacher pipeline and opportunities to collaborate on a work study offering that would allow STCC students to tutor and work with students at MLKCSE.
- Committee members discussed the feasibility of expanding seats; right now a cap on seats in Springfield continues to be in effect. The Committee members discussed what we need to focus on now in order to have the potential to be approved for more seats when/if the opportunity becomes available (i.e. student academic achievement, continued academic growth, etc.)
- Committee members began brainstorming the potential of expanding down to add a Pre-K vs. expanding up to add grades 6-8. MLKCSE current families have strongly advocated for both option. Committee members discussed the pros and cons of both possibilities.
- Committee members discussed did a SWOT analysis exercise.
- Committee members discussed focusing on what we have currently as opposed to adding a new grade by exploring reallocation of some kindergarten seats to PK as a potential intermediate step to support recruitment of incoming Kindergartens.

III. Other Business

A. Other Business

No new business

IV. 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 5:47 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kendra Salvador