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Martin Luther King Jr. Charter School of Excellence

Minutes

April Academic Excellence Committee Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday April 9, 2026 at 10:30 AM

Location
Join Zoom Meeting
https://mlkcs-org.zoom.us/j/86957796402?pwd=tkqmCkvuc1tnENnlof65ab7DIvm2Cc.1

Committee Members Present
Diana Foskett (remote), Teremar Rodriguez-Vazquez (remote)

Committee Members Absent
Nealon Jaynes-Lewis

Guests Present
Alena Mudry (remote), Emma Pullano (remote), Kendra Salvador (remote), rebecca sela (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. **Record Attendance**

B. **Call the Meeting to Order**

Diana Foskett called a meeting of the Academic Excellence Committee Committee of Martin Luther King Jr. Charter School of Excellence to order on Thursday Apr 9, 2026 at 10:40 AM.

II. Academic Excellence

A. Academic Data Update

Interactive Learning Initiatives Update

- Emma presented an update on academic priorities, focusing on interactive learning initiatives.
- The team has been conducting professional development for teachers on implementing student-centered learning activities, with specific emphasis on shifting the focus from teacher-led to student collaborative activities.
- Emma shared an example of a successful gallery walk activity in a 4th grade classroom demonstrating how interactive learning can benefit students, particularly those with special education needs.
- Emma presented examples of classroom shifts toward more collaborative and interactive learning across different grade levels, including fourth, kindergarten, and first grade.
- She demonstrated how teachers are moving away from traditional teacher-led activities to ones where students work together, engage in discourse, and co-create content.
- Emma highlighted the positive outcomes of these shifts, including increased student engagement, improved behavior, enhanced critical thinking skills, and better opportunities for teachers to provide feedback and adjust instruction as needed.

Emma provided a summary of anticipated teacher vacancies for next school year as well as progress on candidates being interviewed for those positions.

School Updates and Upcoming Events

- Emma reported that third-quarter report cards would be sent home early the following week & that ELA MCAS tests had been completed with positive results.
- There is an upcoming merged craft fair and multicultural event scheduled for May 2nd
- Three teachers will be presenting at the Next Chapter Literacy Summit on 4/10.

III. Approval of Minutes

A. Approving Minutes

Teremar Rodriguez-Vazquez made a motion to approve the minutes from March Academic Excellence Committee Meeting on 03-12-26.

Diana Foskett seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** to approve the motion.

IV. Closing Items

A. Committee Best Practices Discussion

Next academic excellence meeting is scheduled for May 14th at 10:30.

B. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diana Foskett