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River Valley Charter School

Minutes

November AC Mtg

Date and Time

Monday October 30, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Location

RVCS Middle School Great Room

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Committee Members Present

C. Irose, E. Simone, J. Patterson, K. Jackman, M. Mitchell-Daniels, N. Durkee, T. Murdy

Committee Members Absent

E. Seaton, J. Evans, L. Kelley

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

E. Simone called a meeting of the Accountability Committee Committee of River Valley Charter School to order on Monday Oct 30, 2023 at 6:04 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

not covered this iteration as we still don't have access for all AC members to BoardOnTrack.

II. Accountability Committee

A. BoardOnTrack

Discussed some of the capabilities of BoardOnTrack.

A few non-BoT AC members still need to be added to the user list, ES will update shortly with Denise.

-Post mtg note: done

III. Accountability Committee Dashboard Brainstorm

A. AC Dashboard

Key Questions for the team:

What do we want to measure?

What does success look like?

Is this for just for AC or BoT?

--general agreement is that this should be BoT-facing, not necessarily public facing, for it to be of the utmost utility

What level do we want to dive in for dashboard?

-might have to choose more feasible metrics to get started vs. some of the more challenging qualitative metrics

Pooling of data from different systems

DERs (measures input more than output)

MCAS

-cohort tracking

1. DIBELS

2. Acadience

3. also special education metric

Student assessments (software exists for data mining this?)

--Nancy looked into this a bit before, post mtg note for her to share those findings with AC

--could be used for some of reporting requirements as a Charter school

Enrollment

- waitlist #'s (since there's impression that this is less in certain levels vs. years past) attendance
- PBE - what metrics can we put in place for this?
- DEI - what are the current metrics, what could we track as part of this AC dashboard?
- transportation issue raised as example of something to improve
- how about measure of diversity in school as function of time
- need to make sure it's not just race, but SES, LGBTQ+, etc.
- language? primary + , how are we collecting this? Is there opportunity within the annual parent survey?

Proposal: Strategic plan - align metrics with this on dashboard as starting point

Goal #1- RVCS will have strong operational practices.

Goal #2 - RVCS will have practices and protocols that support continued growth of faculty and staff to ensure delivery of an optimal public Montessori education.

Goal #3- RVCS will align its educational assessment and accountability practices with Montessori principles.

Goal #4- RVCS will grow its Place Based Education program with intention and purpose.

Goal #5- RVCS will participate in continual reflection and purposeful activity to become a more diverse, equitable, inclusive, and just organization.

discretion will be needed by AC to not simply pull from goals, need to be meaningful and dashboard-appropriate goals

similar to earlier discussions, what are we going to apply metrics to for the more qualitative readouts, e.g. COL? Just score, other?

Assessment cycles, derived from progress reports, quadrants - done previously, by grade level

Action items to team:

1. select the metric mentioned above that you'd like to see make the final cut for the dashboard
2. add one that we did not mention

To AC: please circulate responses to these two action items to E.Simone via email before next AC mtg. E.Simone will compile, share and add to minutes/archive.

*action - E.Simone to add attachment Director's goals from Oct BoT mtg for example items to place on dashboard.

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 7:03 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
E. Simone

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