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River Valley Charter School

Minutes

Accountability Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Monday December 2, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Location

River Valley Charter School Middle School Great Room

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Committee Members Present

C. Irose, D. Herrera, E. Simone, J. Patterson, K. Kuse, M. Mitchell-Daniels, P. Ganley (remote), T. Murdy

Committee Members Absent

A. Godino, N. Durkee, R. Waterson

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 Dec 2, 2024 at 6:05 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

comments sent by Nancy per BoT monthly two weeks ago, Eric to incorporate after vote.
-Main

Link to prior Accountability committee (AC) meeting was missing, Denise added to agenda for today's meeting during the discussion.

Remove reference to PBE and Spelectives in minutes (#2 and #3).

Remove "goals" and replace with "investigate potential root causes".

M. Mitchell-Daniels made a motion to approve the minutes from Nov 4, 2024
Accountability Committee Accountability Committee Meeting on 11-04-24.

T. Murdy seconded the motion.

The committee **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

J. Patterson	Abstain
C. Irose	Abstain
N. Durkee	Absent
K. Kuse	Abstain
T. Murdy	Aye
E. Simone	Aye
M. Mitchell-Daniels	Aye
R. Waterson	Absent
P. Ganley	Aye
D. Herrera	Abstain
A. Godino	Absent

II. Proposed agenda

A. Criterion 4: Dissemination

Two ways of achieving this in goals:

1. Presentations with sending districts.
2. Sending Newsletters to sending districts. Planned.

Also planned, working on logistics to host educators (Principals and EDs) from sending districts, mutual learning from them and vice versa. Special education will be an area of focus. Want to discuss the Montessori method with sending districts.

Mural project is a community collaboration with Amesbury, mentioned as an example.

Question around overlap of sending district professional sending district PD days with RVCS's.

B. Annual caregiver survey

Needs to be shorter.

Need quantifiable questions, not all open ended questions.

Point on how to analyze open ended responses.

Karen and Jane want to make sure the survey results are clearly communicated back to the caregivers.

Goal to send out by Feb to caregivers. Will email out to Accountability/BoT by mid-Jan.

Points Accountability would like to see included:

1. Awareness of caregivers of the BoT and Committee's, roles and responsibilities, and are they effective? Do you understand the governance structure of RVCS, a public charter Montessori school?

III. Other Business

A. for follow up at next Accountability Meeting

Communication of MCAS scores to teachers vs. administration.

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 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

D. Herrera

Documents used during the meeting

None

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