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Minutes

Academic Achievement Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday September 19, 2018 at 8:00 AM

Location

594 Converse St, Longmeadow, MA 01106

This meeting of the Springfield Prep Charter School Academic Achievement Committee will be held at 594 Converse St., Longmeadow, MA on 9/19/18 at 8:00 am. Meeting notice was posted on the school's website (www.springfieldprep.org).

Committee Members Present

B. Spirer, J. Yiannos, K. Molina, S. Balogun, W. Soref

Committee Members Absent

J. Pistorius

Guests Present

M. Wagner

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

K. Molina called a meeting of the Academic Achievement Committee of Springfield Prep to order on Wednesday Sep 19, 2018 at 8:07 AM.

C.

Approve minutes

K. Molina made a motion to approve minutes from the Academic Achievement Committee Meeting on 06-13-18 Academic Achievement Committee Meeting on 06-13-18.

S. Balogun seconded the motion.

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

II. Academic Achievement

A. Academic Achievement Dashboard Review

The committee reviewed the August Academic Dashboard. In enrollment, the school is currently under-enrolled by 3 students and will be calling students from the waitlist to fill the seats. Demographic data for the school is very similar to last year's, and the school also saw very low attrition rates among its student population. Of the students who left, two transferred to Sabis and cited the high school program as a motivation. The committee discussed this concern and decided that Bill will schedule a parent focus group to get parent input and share Springfield Prep's plan to help with high school placement. Bill will also talk to other K-8 charter schools for ideas about how they support high school placement. Meghan noted that the school's attendance rate is 95%, despite a number of half days due to heat which decreased attendance. Regarding discipline, there has been one out of school suspension and no in school suspensions so far this year.

B. New School & District Accountability System

The committee discussed the state's new accountability system under the "Every Student Succeeds Act". Bill noted that Springfield Prep will not get an accountability rating this year because it is the school's first year with MCAS data and a lot of the metrics are based on growth and targets set from the previous year's data. The new accountability system will include EL performance and chronic absenteeism data, which the former system did not include. The performance of subgroups, including a new group of the lowest performing students, will be reported publicly but not part of the accountability determination.

C. Changes to Dashboard Reporting for SY18-19

The committee discussed upcoming changes to the Academic Dashboard, including the tracking of the cohort of lowest performing students, a more in-depth look at chronic absenteeism, and the implementation of an EL benchmark and tracking system.

D. 2017 Performance Data Communications Strategy

The committee discussed a communication strategy for sharing out the school's 2018 performance data. Committee members suggested the school tie its messaging of the data to the school's purpose of providing a world-class education for all regardless of background, and highlighted the fact that SPCS students are among the highest

performing students in the state due to the school's structure, staff training and collaboration, and high expectations for students.

III. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

K. Molina made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

S. Balogun seconded the motion.

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

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

M. Wagner