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Minutes

Academic Achievement Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday June 12, 2019 at 7:30 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 6/12/19 at 7:30 am. Meeting notice was posted on the school's website (www.springfieldprep.org).

Committee Members Present

B. Spirer, J. Pistorius, J. Yiannos, S. Balogun, S. Leslie, W. Soref

Committee Members Absent

K. Molina

Guests Present

M. Maggi

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

B. Spirer called a meeting of the Academic Achievement Committee of Springfield Prep to order on Wednesday Jun 12, 2019 at 7:33 AM.

C.

Approve March minutes

S. Balogun made a motion to approve minutes from the Academic Achievement Committee Meeting on 03-20-19 Academic Achievement Committee Meeting on 03-20-19.

J. Pistorius seconded the motion.

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

D. Approve April minutes

J. Pistorius made a motion to approve minutes from the Academic Achievement Committee Meeting on 04-10-19 Academic Achievement Committee Meeting on 04-10-19.

S. Balogun seconded the motion.

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

II. Academic Achievement

A. Academic Achievement Dashboard Review

Wendy provided the committee with an overview of academic trends from the year, noting that students were performing well as readers and even better as mathematicians. She and Jess then reviewed the Dashboard in detail.

ACCESS scores were very strong, with 94% of students met their progress targets (the DESE target for the school was 85%). Chronic Absenteeism percentage has decreased from 10% in May to 6.4% in June (17 students). Jess noted that we recently learned that kindergarten attendance is not considered in the state absenteeism rate, but that our report includes kindergarten students and we do not treat kindergarten absences any differently. For ELA ANet, the partially met its goal with most grade levels meeting internal performance and/or comparison goals.

The committee asked about the school's plans for STEM given the school's strength in math. Bill noted that this is something they would like to develop over time. The committee discussed the possibility of doing some programming during "STEM week" as a way of building excitement for STEM fields.

Wendy reviewed end-of-year STEP results. In Kindergarten, performance from last year has dropped around 14%, while 1st grade has seen incremental improvement. 2nd grade has decreased from last year and 3rd-grade performance has shown incremental growth. The committee also analyzed a cohort analysis and discuss potential trends.

III. Other Business

A. Retention & Recruitment Report for 2018-19

Bill provided an overview of the Staff Retention and Recruitment Report for 2018-2019. Overall, staff retention is very high (93%) and the school is fully hired for teaching positions and just has a few remaining roles to hire on the student support team.

IV. Closing Items

A. Academic Achievement Committee Board Report

Sherriff will report out on the Academic Dashboard to the board at its next meeting.

B. Next Academic Achievement Committee Meeting

Due to the lack of academic data throughout the summer, the next Academic Achievement meeting will be held in September.

C. Adjourn Meeting

S. Balogun made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 am.

J. Pistorius 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 8:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

B. Spirer