



Springfield Prep

Minutes

Academic Achievement Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday June 10, 2020 at 8:00 AM

This meeting of the Springfield Prep Charter School Academic Achievement Committee will be held via Zoom video conference on 6/10/2020 at 8 am. Meeting notice was posted on the school's website (www.springfieldprep.org) on 6/8/2020 at 12:50 PM.

Committee Members Present

B. Spirer (remote), J. Pistorius (remote), J. Yiannos (remote), N. Abramowitz (remote), W. Soref (remote)

Committee Members Absent

S. Balogun

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 10, 2020 at 8:10 AM.

C. Approve Prior Meeting Minutes

Because there was not a quorum present, the committee could not approve prior meeting minutes. These will be approved at the next committee meeting.

II. Academic Achievement

A. Update on COVID-19-related remote learning in the Spring

Wendy presented data regarding student engagement with remote learning in the Spring since the school closure. She and Jess explained what was expected of students and how engagement has changed since the start of the closure. Wendy highlighted that student interaction with teachers has remained very high but that student assignment completion was variable. The committee discussed the need for a better way to communicate student assignment requirements and completion to parents for the future for both remote and in-person learning. The Committee discussed presenting the Board with lessons learned from Spring remote learning and plans to address these learnings in the Fall. Justin also suggested surveying families for their input on remote learning successes and obstacles and Bill agreed to send one and incorporate that feedback.

B. Update on Summer School and Fall Learning Plans

The Committee discussed the update memo and potential plans for the fall, as well as the concerns expressed by families about student safety, experience, and educational outcomes. The plans for students with IEPs were also discussed and it was noted that DESE is providing continuously updated guidance on requirements and suggestions for accommodating and adjusting IEPs based on both state and federal regulations. The Committee discussed identifying the curriculum and assessment items that must (or should) be done in person vs. those suited to online or self-directed learning.

C. ACCESS for ELLs results

Wendy reviewed the preliminary ACCESS results for English Language Learners and based on initial estimates, more than 2/3 of students met or exceeded their targets. She noted that more comprehensive results are expected in the next month or two.

D. Update on Annual Academic Goals & Accountability Plan updates in light of COVID/remote learning uncertainty for the upcoming school year

Given the uncertainty around fall plans, assessment methods, accountability requirements from the state, etc., the Committee will postpone discussion on academic goals and accountability plan updates until the July meeting, to be presented to the Board after committee agreement.

III. Closing Items

A. Academic Achievement Committee Board Report

Bill will present learnings from Spring remote learning based on staff and parent input as well as available data.

B.

Next Academic Achievement Committee Meeting

The next Academic Achievement Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 7/15/2020 at 8 am.

C. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
N. Abramowitz

Documents used during the meeting

- Update memo_ Summer School and SY20-21 Plans 06.10.20.pdf