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Shining Rock Classical Academy

Minutes

Academic Excellence Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday February 8, 2024 at 3:30 PM

Committee Members Present

A. Weimar, C. White, J. Schleifer, K. White, L. Long, S. Jenkins, T. Inman, T. Sessoms (remote)

Committee Members Absent

A. Wilkins

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

A. Weimar called a meeting of the Academic Excellence Committee of Shining Rock Classical Academy to order on Thursday Feb 8, 2024 at 3:30 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

K. White made a motion to approve the minutes from 01/08/2024 Academic Excellence Committee Meeting on 01-08-24.

T. Inman seconded the motion.

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

II. Academic Excellence

A. Standards Based Grading

S. Jenkins presented standards-based grading considerations. Interest has been expressed from teachers.

T. Sessoms – training is important; consider choosing 1 subject to departmentalize the standards-based grading approach (i.e., math). Helps identify specific areas of need – rather than general areas of need.

C. White – would help track if students were meeting specific standards.

S. Jenkins- would require implementation of standards rubrics across all grade levels.

T. Inman- would assist in differentiating between standards in Eng 1, 2 and 3,4

C. White – conversion scale of standards to percentages – for GPA

J. Morgan- would need to form a research, action steps, roll out considerations committee with a diverse representation of teachers across grade levels and departments as well as parents.

S. Jenkins made a motion to form a standard-based learning sub-committee to further research.

T. Sessoms seconded the motion.

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

B. Weather Policy

S. Jenkins -Discussion of remote learning vs excused absence differences in policies. Considerations: How do we handle remote learning.

C. White, K. White - Remote learning for K-5 avoid busy work and packets. Difficult in this population

T. Inman, T. Sessoms - High School – remote learning is a feasible option for high school credit courses. Would require a separate policy statement for high school courses (high school credit courses) vs elementary and middle school courses.

S. Jenkins made a motion to Motion for policy review (policies 4410 and 4405) with consideration of applicable revisions.

T. Inman seconded the motion.

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

C. Graduation Requirements

J. Morgan, T. Inman – currently 26 credits minimum required for diploma at SRCA.
Explanation and illustration of SRCAs current 26 credit pathways.

J. Morgan NCDPI requires we offer a 22-credit pathway as the minimum state graduation requirements, also new requirements for Computer Science courses in MS and HS.

J. Morgan, T. Inman – additional consideration's for building high school pathways include courses obtained in the 8th grade as high school credit.
Currently Eng 1, Math 1, and Spanish 1 optional 8th grade high school credits
Consider moving Earth Environmental (HS credit) to 8th grade high school credits

NC Board of Education update in 2023 - requires Computer Science in the standard courses of study for middle and high school students. High school – required credit for graduation pathways. Middle School – elective course changes.

J. Morgan – A pathway for credit hour updates will be drafted by the academic committee by April for dissemination to the Board of Directors.

III. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

S. Jenkins made a motion to adjourn.

A. Weimar seconded the motion.

The committee **VOTED** 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 4:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A. Weimar

Documents used during the meeting

None