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Prelude Preparatory Board of Directors

Minutes

Academic Excellence Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday April 2, 2024 at 12:00 PM

Committee Members Present

Dr. Denise Miner-Williams, Lauren Lewis (remote)

Committee Members Absent

None

Guests Present

MaryAnne Malicki (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Dr. Denise Miner-Williams called a meeting of the Academic Excellence Committee of Prelude Preparatory Board of Directors to order on Tuesday Apr 2, 2024 at 12:00 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

Lauren Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes from Academic Excellence Committee Meeting on 03-05-24.

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

II. Academic Excellence

A. Academic achievement

1. TELPAS testing is completed. STARR testing is coming up soon,
2. Most new students who have learning gaps benefit from the small group rotations to meet their needs and accelerate progress.

B. Attendance

Cycle five attendance is at 93.7%, which is up from last cycle.

Cycle 1- 94.79 %

Cycle 2 93.12 %

Cycle 3- 93 %

Cycle 4- 90.61 %

Cycle 5- 93.7 %

III. Other Business

A. Enrollment and Recruitment

1. Enrollment is at 128. There continues to be in and out movement. Most of those leaving are in PreK and K. Most coming in are in 3d and 4th grade, some being school transfers, others from homeschooling.
2. We are having far more tours, applications, and registrations compared to this time last year.
3. Prelude was invited to be a vendor at a nearby Easter egg hunt. We held a raffle for a prize where people had to enter their contacts. This generated a list of names to call.
Numbers from this effort will be available next month.
4. "Charter School Events" are being held on the Southside to give information on charter schools. Prelude hosted one on 7 Mar and gave tours.
5. To receive additional Title I funding, we must have a 50% increase from the last time we applied and received funding. We will easily meet this and apply in the fall. Additional Title funding is anticipated in January 2025.

B. Staffing

1. For Professional Development after spring break the staff was presented with the District 5 data, then ours. A very productive and interactive session was held using a study by John Hattie concerning the Influences on Student Achievement. Increased importance on lesson planning, having the classrooms prepared, and phonics are areas to help achieve the goal of setting students up to learn successfully. Teachers are demonstrating alignment the with culture and mission, with overall feedback from this training being reception.

2. Staffing attendance is not a concern this school year in comparison to last year. Clear and repeated expectations and individuals working with HR have increased staff attendance.

C. CEO comments

1. City Education Partners will come for a classroom tour on April 8th.
2. The Summer Boost grant was applied for. Approval and funding amounts will be announced in the next 2 weeks.
2. Monday is eclipse day. Students have been learning about it in Science and will be viewing the eclipse. Families are also invited to attend the eclipse viewing at the school with their children.
3. In response to the question of what she is most proud of this year, Ms. Lewis stated that it would be the structure and use of the discipline system and how it supports the teachers.

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 12:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dr. Denise Miner-Williams

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