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Prelude Prep

Minutes

Academic Excellence Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday May 7, 2024 at 12:00 PM

Committee Members Present

Dr. Denise Miner-Williams, Lauren Lewis

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 Prep to order on Tuesday May 7, 2024 at 12:03 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

Lauren Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes from Academic Excellence Committee Meeting on 04-02-24.

Dr. Denise Miner-Williams seconded the motion.

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

II. Academic Excellence

A. Academic achievement

Results of MAP testing from 3rd and 4th grades (no data yet from 2nd grade):

1. Language usage (measures critical thinking) 19 students tested
 - a. 3rd grade 12 students: improved their achievement from the 19th percentile to the 36th percentile. Although this is still very low achieving, the growth is an exceptional 76 percentile!
 - b. The 7 students in 4th grade went from a 37th percentile achievement to 31st. However, the group in the lowest percentile (1-20th) decreased from 43% to 29%, so growth was 78%.
 - c. In a four-quadrant grid, these scores place all students in the higher growth/lower achievement quadrant.

2. Math 20 students tested
 - a. 3rd grade 12 students: improved achievement from 29th to 55th percentile, with growth of 97 percent.
 - b. 4th grade 8 students: improved achievement from 33rd percentile to 51st with growth at 81%.
 - c. In Math, students are in the higher achieving/higher growth quadrant. Reading comprehension limits the students in achieving higher in Math.

3. The scores also indicate the continuing large achievement gaps (although a smaller number of students are in the very low achieving percentiles), which are a great challenge for teaching and are being addressed by small group instruction.

4. STAAR results are pending.

B. Attendance

1. 93.7 % attendance for 5th cycle. Attendance parties are still being held and enjoyed.
2. A family of two students withdrew after being referred to Truancy Tribunal, refusing to do the parents' required remedial training of 1 1/2 hours per week.
3. Truancy Tribunal meets once more this school year and is still proving helpful.

III. Other Business

A. Enrollment and Recruitment

1. All re-registration packets are out and are due on 10 May, at which time a popsicle party will be held for those returnees.
2. New enrollment currently is 30 students - much higher number than this time last year.

B. Staffing

Staff are stable, with nearly all working well with school culture. There have been no more attendance problems. All teachers have put in requests to retain their positions for next year.

C. CEO comments

1. Ms. Lewis expressed great satisfaction with the growth in student achievement, even while recognizing that there remains much work to get to higher levels.
2. Funding (from Bloomberg) for summer school has been approved for 37 seats. A lottery is being held.
 - a. Summer school begins 3 June for 4 weeks, with the day ending at 1:00.
 - b. 3 multi-grade groups, each having two teachers, working on reading and math with Fridays being water days.
 - c. Funding is \$1600/student, with our discretion on use of funds. Pre and post testing resulting are part of reporting requirements.
3. The Civic pillar activities of our charter promise has been minimal with the efforts at stabilizing school academic standards and establishing the school culture, to include behavior of students. The establishment of the garden requires staff that we have not had yet. Ms. Lewis recognizes that this pillar of Civic education is needed and this will be a focus of next year.

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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