



Prelude Prep

Minutes

Academic Excellence Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday July 2, 2024 at 8:30 AM

Committee Members Present

Dr. Denise Miner-Williams (remote), 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 Prep to order on Tuesday Jul 9, 2024 at 8:30 AM.

C. Approve Minutes

May minutes not available. Will be voted upon next meeting.

II. Academic Excellence

A. Academic achievement

Ms. Lewis reviewed results from summer school reading and math pre- and post-testing. Per funder's requirements, these students will be tracked throughout year and compared with students who did not go to summer school to determine efficacy. Reading results were somewhat challenging to assess, and although not always backed by these quantitative results, teachers indicated that growth was discernible in both reading and math. The rising 5th grade, with a larger percentage of students with dyslexia and Sp Ed needs, is very borderline for meeting standards.

Ms. Lewis discussed STAAR results. Campus accountability results should be released in August. Grading is a result of very complex calculations of data and is determined from a congregate of four areas: I STAAR grades (for which Prelude will receive a D rating), IIA Growth, IIB Performance relative to other equivalent schools, and III Growth in racial/ethnic subgroups, which is required for federal accountability and for which we do not have enough students in each group to grade. However, we are able to identify student in two high-focus groups' performances: SpEd, and economically disadvantaged. If preliminary calculations of Ms, Lewis and Ms. Rangel are correct, Prelude could receive a C grade.

Information from TEA has not been forthcoming on whether a D Campus Accountability rating would be considered a "strike" against the Prelude charter.

It is of note that STAAR results are a point in time of the number of students on a certain day taking one test. Later year results of other testing indicate a great deal of growth that is available for funders to see.

B. Attendance

Attendance: 93+% for year (last year 89%)

III. Other Business

A. Enrollment and Recruitment

Enrollment:

- 150 complete packets (15 for 5th grade, currently at 9) with more packets in process of completion

- Many tours upcoming (can book online); more than last year.

- Goal for 40% increase (for funding): 190. Looks to be attainable

B. Staffing

Staff: Everyone requested return; one since then is moving and will not be returning.

There are two potential hires for one vacancy at this time. Enrollment will determine the need for more staff.

Ms. Lewis has been moving people internally.

C. CEO comments

Information from TEA has not been forthcoming on whether a D Campus Accountability rating for charter schools would be considered a “strike” against the charter.

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 9:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dr. Denise Miner-Williams

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