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Prelude Preparatory Board of Directors

Minutes

Academic Excellence Committee Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday March 4, 2025 at 8:30 AM

Notice is hereby given that a regular meeting is scheduled at 6:30 PM.
This Meeting will be conducted by telephone conference in accordance with the Governor's authorization concerning the suspension of certain open meeting law requirements for COVID-19.

Committee Members Present
Dr. Denise Miner-Williams (remote), 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 Preparatory Board of Directors to order on Tuesday Mar 4, 2025 at 8:31 AM.

C. Approve Minutes

Lauren Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes from Academic Excellence Committee Meeting on 02-05-25.
Dr. Denise Miner-Williams seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. Academic Excellence

A. Testing

1. We are in the middle of TELPAS testing (English proficiency progress monitoring for English learners). This score is part of TEA school accountability rating. Last year we didn't have enough students to quality for a rating.
2. We received one of the three LASO 3 grants we applied for (literacy). This will bring in $120,000. This will support continued support from Lavinia group for teachers. Since so many schools applied for the math grant, more monies may be available and we may receive math support.
3. We have been asked if we are applying again for the Summer Boost Program (funded by Blumberg and local support). We can apply for funding enough to support 1/3 of our school enrollment (about45 students). If received, we will use a Lavinia summer program curriculum (reading and math) that comes with coaching. Stipulations are that there be a pre-post test and funding is attendance-dependent. We have not had issues with attendance in the past as parents are informed upon application of attendance requirement. We will also provide after-school care.

III. Other Business

A. Enrollment

162

B. Attendance

We have completed 4/6 cycles and average 93.75%. Illness has been a factor in a decrease, but Truancy Prevention Program has be helping. Ms. Lewis is checking into a waiver for cold days attendance, but we may not be eligible as attendance must be 10% lower for the days.

C. Staffing

We remain at 100% staffing with no issues.

D. Truancy Prevention Program

1. There are not as many families in the program as some have 'graduated' out with improved performance and no new families have been added.

2. The benefits of this program are much more than was expected. Data support that increased attendance rates have increased by tens of thousands of dollars our funding from the state.
But a serendipitous benefit is that it has strongly and positively affected the culture of the school in accountability and the stress on academics, as well as teachers being more satisfied with students being more present for lessons.

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 8:56 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dr. Denise Miner-Williams

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