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Prelude Preparatory Board of Directors

Minutes

Academic Excellence Committee Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday July 1, 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

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 Jul 1, 2025 at 8:04 AM.
Dr. Denise Miner-Williams called a meeting of the Academic Excellence Committee of Prelude Preparatory Board of Directors to order on Tuesday Jul 1, 2025 at 8:03 AM.

C.

Approve Minutes

Lauren Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes from Academic Excellence Committee Meeting on 06-16-25.
Dr. Denise Miner-Williams seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. Academic Excellence

A. STARR data

1. Ms. Lewis reviewed a comparison with other charter schools of data by grade of math and reading scores that were meeting or exceeding standard. (Passing includes approaching, but our goal is meeting or above). We are competitive with them, exceeding other more established schools.
2. The data for which we can calculate accountability rating will not be released until Aug, but current estimate is that we will be at least a high C rating, which indicates an annual trajectory of improvement.

B. Summer School

Summer school was a success, with about 51 students. The Lavinia curriculum was used and the teachers expressed great satisfaction with it. There are mostly younger grades who attend, and the staff will be relooking which grades will be offered next year.

III. Other Business

A. enrollment

1. There is positive movement for enrollment. We are receiving more names from the telephone recruitment calls. People are coming for tours and getting assistance with completing applications.
2. Ms. Lewis is collecting the mobility rate of students, which is rather high - a loss of 30 students. More analysis is needed to determine the usefulness of the data. Some are moving, some for truancy issues. The number needs to also look at family groups of losses. There are a some students who were enrolled for only 7-10 days.

B. Staffing

1. We need teachers for grades 1, 5, and 6.
2. Most teacher hiring typically takes place after the 4th of July holiday. We are loosing the 1st and 5th grade slots (one leaving for salary - had a much higher paying job before trying teaching - the other is leaving the profession).

C. Superintendent Comments

1. Ms. Lewis expresses satisfaction with the growth in STAAR results, while still aiming towards higher achievement. We are outpacing many charter schools in our area.

Choose to Succeed called to compliment us on the reading scores. She is hoping that we will receive a distinctive designation.
2. We have received additional grant funding from TEA which is being applied to receiving more days and more help from the Lavinia group. This funding supports the math program that we didn't receive before and will go to both elementary and middle school grades.
3. Teacher training will begin 28 July with Lavinia help. The focus will be on understanding the curriculum used.

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 8:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dr. Denise Miner-Williams

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