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Elgin Math & Science Academy

Minutes

Academic Excellence Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday April 6, 2022 at 3:30 PM

Location

Join Zoom Meeting

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Committee Members Present

B. Lane (remote), G. Swick (remote), K. Kelly (remote), K. Shaw (remote), S. Said (remote)

Committee Members Absent

J. Willer, L. Sterba

Guests Present

K. Coventry (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

B. Lane called a meeting of the Academic Excellence Committee of Elgin Math & Science Academy to order on Wednesday Apr 6, 2022 at 3:37 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

K. Shaw made a motion to approve the minutes from Academic Excellence Committee Meeting on 03-02-22.

G. Swick seconded the motion.

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

II. Student Achievement

A. IAR Testing

S. Said spoke about IAR Testing. It is coming up on Tuesday, April 12th. Students have been preparing by practice tests. IAR Testing does measure skillsets in Math and ELA.

Other:

- There is a lot of standardized testing coming up:
 - ISA Testing is the science portion and that is taken by 5th grade only.
 - NWEA (MAP) Testing will occur after IAR / ISA.

III. EMSA's Middle School

A. Updates

Middle School Plan: S. Said stated that they are solidifying the 45 minute periods with the 3 minute passing periods.

- *A survey was done with 5th and 6th-grade parents. Only ten parents responded, and most of those parents had students in 5th grade. The survey was sent to help get data in considering electives for next year. **S. Said suggested that they might send another survey out since a large response was not received.***
- *Hoping to send a packet home by summer break in regards to electives such as Band.*

Other: S. Said advised that they are still trying to find a social studies curriculum. Looking to see what other options are out there that can fulfill the needs of the school, and is economically sound.

8th Grade Discussion:

- B. Lane - We will have 8th graders graduating soon, and we will need to look into what we are going to do. For example, an 8th grade trip, or 8th-grade graduation pictures. We should start thinking about this next year so that we are ready to go.
- S. Said stated that we do need to think about the EL Education model. Graduation has to have a component of EL Education ("Passage" and Presentation to communities).
- B. Lane announced that a Committee could be put together to discuss this and trips that we could plan (D.C., Springfield).

IV. Strategic Planning: Vision and Goals

A. EMSA Pillars, Goals, Objectives, and Activities

Pillars:

- B. Lane: Pillars that we identified are the following:
 - Teaching Learning and Learning Resources
 - Personnel / Board Development and Retention
 - Operational Stewardship (which is Financials, Facilities, and Philanthropic Activities)
 - Family Community and Partner Engagement.
- ILT which consists of an Academic Leadership team did create a document that has learning targets.
- B. Lane will take a look at this document including the 3-dimensional, and she will input it into the Pillars document. Advised that this will be put together before the next meeting. B. Lane will work with S. Said and J. Willer.

V. Other Business

A. Friends of the Fox

K. Kelly discussed that she provided to Sarah and Jacquelyn the proposal for Friends of the Fox to come in and teach one hands-on outdoor science per class per grade. Friends of the Fox timeline to have this schedule is limited. They can only do this in April.

- S. Said will discuss this with J. Willer as she does not have a definitive answer yet.
- Other comments: Primary would be better to do in April, and upper-class grades in May due to testing that is occurring in April. **S. Said to discuss with J. Willer.**

VI. 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 4:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
B. Lane