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City on a Hill Charter Public School

Minutes

February 2024 Academic Excellence Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Monday February 12, 2024 at 5:00 PM

This meeting took place remotely pursuant to a supplemental budget bill which, among other things, extends the temporary provisions pertaining to the Open Meeting Law to March 31, 2025 signed into law by Governor Healey on March 29, 2023. The meeting was held via Zoom at <https://cityonahill-org.zoom.us/j/86514691965>.

Committee Members Present

Alekz Hirschmann (remote), Edelyn Contreras (remote)

Committee Members Absent

Danielle Canty

Guests Present

Asha Ibrahim, Laura Edouard (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Alekz Hirschmann called a meeting of the Academic Excellence Committee of City on a Hill Charter Public School to order on Monday Feb 12, 2024 at 5:05 PM.

C. Approve December 2023 Meeting Minutes

Alekz Hirschmann made a motion to approve the minutes from December 2023 Academic Excellence Committee Meeting on 12-11-23.

Edelyn Contreras seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Alekz Hirschmann Aye

Danielle Canty Absent

Edelyn Contreras Aye

II. SY2023-24 School Updates

A. SY2023-24 Q2 Academic Data Review & School Updates

Alekz Hirschmann, Committee Chair, directed the attention of the Committee to Laura Edouard, Principal. Edouard welcomed the Committee and directed the attention of the Committee to the Academic Data Updates. Edouard noted overall passing rates declined 4% from Quarter 1, which was likely a result of the two-hour length midterm exams. Edouard emphasized the ongoing effort to narrow the gap between General Education, ESL, and Special Education students. She noted progress, indicating that the gap between these student groups was narrowing.

Edouard then discussed Academic Trends across subjects. She noted Math showed varied performance across different levels, particularly, Geometry Honors displaying significant improvement. She also noted Biology, Chemistry, and Physics exhibited exceptional performance compared to the previous year, with Anatomy and Physiology also showing improvement. Edouard mentioned a slight decline in ELD performance compared to the previous school year likely due to very small class numbers, possibly affecting overall performance. Overall, Edouard noted the overall trend indicates positive strides in academic progress.

Edouard transitioned into discussing ELA MCAS and Winter MAP testing. She noted overall significant improvements in ELA MCAS Practice Tests compared to previous years. The Committee inquired about what was included in the MCAS Practice Test. Edouard noted all portions of the MCAS were included and that the writing portion is pending grading. Edouard shared MAP results showed overall improvement and highlighted notable performance from students with IEPs, 504s, and English Language Learners.

Lastly, Edouard discussed the Schools ongoing action plans, including the Attendance Buyback Program and Saturday Practice Testing Sessions. She noted the School implemented a strategy where students with excessive absences attend Friday after-school sessions to catch up on missed work. These sessions are extended during

professional development days, providing students with attendance credit. Additionally, Edouard mentioned they're continuing Saturday Practice Testing Sessions for ELA, Math, and Science. She noted following the Sessions teachers will analyze the results to offer targeted support and improve instruction.

III. 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 5:31 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Aleksz Hirschmann

Documents used during the meeting

None