



City on a Hill Charter Public School

Minutes

December 2024 Academic Excellence Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Monday December 9, 2024 at 5:00 PM

Location

<https://cityonahill-org.zoom.us/j/86514691965>

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), Danielle Canty (remote)

Committee Members Absent

Edelyn Contreras

Guests Present

Asha Ibrahim (remote), Laura Edouard (remote), Nikia Davis (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 Dec 9, 2024 at 5:05 PM.

Alekz Hirschmann made a motion to Call meeting to order.

Danielle Canty seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Danielle Canty Aye

Edelyn Contreras Absent

Alekz Hirschmann Aye

C. Approve October 2024 Meeting Minutes

Alekz Hirschmann made a motion to Approve October meeting minutes.

Danielle Canty seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Danielle Canty Aye

Edelyn Contreras Absent

Alekz Hirschmann Aye

II. General Academic Updates

A. SY2024-25 Q1 Academic Results

Alekz Hirschmann, Committee Chair, directed the Committee's attention to Laura Edouard, Principal, who provided updates on Academic Data. Laura Edouard, Chief Academic Officer, provided updates on several key topics, including school updates, the closure of the early application period for college admissions, and the conclusion of the dual enrollment semester.

Edouard began by highlighting several positive trends, most notably a 15% increase in passing rates compared to earlier progress reports. She emphasized that students are performing exceptionally well in both Math and English courses, a significant achievement reflecting their dedication and the effectiveness of the curriculum. While the performance in History, Science, and Spanish courses remains below expectations, Edouard noted that there has been measurable improvement compared to the previous year, signaling positive momentum and efforts to address gaps in those subject areas.

Edouard also addressed the challenges the school has encountered in securing timely grades from college professors for the dual enrollment program. Despite these challenges, she reported that the majority of students participating in dual enrollment are performing well, with only a small number facing difficulties in their college courses. Edouard pointed out that those students struggling academically in their college courses are also facing challenges in their CoaH courses. As a result, they will not be enrolled in dual enrollment for the upcoming spring semester. To address these issues, the action

plan for the spring semester includes a more selective approach to dual enrollment. This will result in 22 out of 38 juniors enrolling in one RCC course, and 26 out of 38 seniors enrolling in one or two RCC courses, ensuring that students are better prepared for the rigor of college-level work.

Looking ahead, Edouard outlined additional action plans for the spring semester, which include providing Edgenuity online support for students who need to prepare for MCAS retakes, as mandated by the state. To further support students in their academic journey, the school has hired a Spanish teacher to proctor Spanish courses while utilizing Edgenuity, ensuring continuity and academic rigor. Furthermore, the school will be enhancing its classroom management approach by offering more targeted academic support and implementing closer supervision to better address the individual needs of students.

The Committee Chair, Alekz Hirschmann, expressed his gratitude for the thorough updates and conveyed his optimism about the continued academic progress as the school year draws to a close.

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 5:26 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alekz Hirschmann

Alekz Hirschmann made a motion to Adjourn Meeting.

Danielle Canty seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Edelyn Contreras Absent

Danielle Canty Aye

Alekz Hirschmann Aye

Documents used during the meeting

- CoaH Academic Data 2024-2025 (1).pdf