



Laureate Academy Charter School Board of Directors

Minutes

Academic Achievement Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday September 20, 2023 at 2:30 PM

Location

Laureate Academy Charter School

The matters listed are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair to be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may, in fact, be discussed. Other items not listed may be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law. All agenda items are informational unless otherwise denoted, though all committee reports require a vote for acceptance. Unless otherwise stated due to COVID-19 precautions, the meeting will be held on the campus of the school (2115 Oakmere Drive Harvey, LA 70058).

Committee Members Present

Caitlyn Scales, Claire Heckerman-Whitehead, Dr. Jahquille Ross

Committee Members Absent

Jaime Behen

Guests Present

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I. Opening Items**A.**

Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Dr. Jahquille Ross called a meeting of the Academic Excellence Committee of Laureate Academy Charter School Board of Directors to order on Wednesday Sep 20, 2023 at 4:50 PM.

C. Approve Minutes (4.19.23)

Caitlyn Scales made a motion to approve the minutes from Academic Excellence Meeting on 04-19-23.

Claire Heckerman-Whitehead seconded the motion.

The agenda from April was approved.

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

II. Student Assessment Data

A. 2023-24 Student Enrollment

There are only 11 open seats right now. 6 in 8th grade. 5 in other grade levels. 5 are currently being processed. Students coming are in with academic challenges.

B. Spring 2023 LEAP Data Review

- 7th graders outperformed the district and the state (ELA).
- Performed in the top 25% on the Westbank and top 33% in Jefferson Parish (ELA).
- Middle school had high mastery. We needed to push for advance (ELA).
- 3rd and 4th graders struggled the most - across content.
- Math is a strong concern (lowest content area).
- Many scholars fall in the approaching basic category into how do we push them to basic or above. (1 student had advance in Math)
- New Social Studies standards for the 23-24 school year.
- Saw major gains via our middle school this past year (SS).
- Performed in the top 22% on the Westbank and top 50% in the state of Louisiana (SS).
- 4th graders outperformed the district and the state in Science Mastery.
- Leads have generally taught STEM this past year (in testing grades) and it worked out really well data wise (Science).

C. Spring 2023 STEP Data

- COVID has impacted our scholars in early literacy.
- Added STEP to 3rd grade and their progress monitoring system.
- Interventions - Guided Reading & phonics instruction

- Read LIVE - used as intervention for upper elementary grades.

D. NWEA MAP BOY Data

- 2nd grade scholars = large dip due to the change in the test (Reading & Math).
- First grade's achievement is ranked in the 52nd percentile for all first graders taking MAP and 6th is in the 46th (Reading).
- The school is ranked in the 36th percentile for all schools that have taken MAP (Reading).
- First grade's achievement is ranked in the 43rd percentile for all first graders taking MAP, all other grades rank in the 30's.
- 6th grade is in the 46th percentile for growth (compared to other 6th graders) - Math.

E. Upcoming Q1 Data and Celebration

- STEP Assessment
- No quarterly exams

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III. Staffing & Observations

A. Teacher Vacancies

- Hired 2 new teachers in the last 2 weeks (K/1 STEM & 6th Math).
- 6th grade Math teacher is leaving so we will transition.
- 7th grade ELA/SS open - long term sub in position
- 8th grade ELA/SS open - long term sub in position
- 5th grade ELA - covered by social studies, interventionist & IC
- 4th/5th grade Social Studies teacher out 4 weeks

B. Observations - 1st Round

- Formal - before December for completion

IV. Next Meeting Agenda

A. December Meeting

- STEP Data
- LEAP 360
- NWEA MAP Data
- Compass Teacher Evaluation Data

V. 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 5:41 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dr. Jahquille Ross

College Starts in Kindergarten