



The Academy of Alameda Charter School Board

Minutes

Student Success Committee

Date and Time

Thursday September 28, 2023 at 5:15 PM

Committee Members Present

A. Price, C. Chilcott, C. Robie, L. Rubin, Q. Chu, R. Rentschler

Committee Members Absent

A. Gilcrease, J. Thompson

Guests Present

D. Espinosa

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

C. Robie called a meeting of the Student Success Committee Committee of The Academy of Alameda Charter School Board to order on Thursday Sep 28, 2023 at 5:00 PM.

II. Student Success Committee

A. Welcome, Norms & Overview of Purpose

Framing Thought: The Board and committees focus on results, and the school leadership focuses on the means to get results. This is the primary difference between governance and management. We serve as a strategic thinking partner to the ED and Instructional Leadership team specifically in the area of the academic and social-emotional success of students.

Notes:

- Carole:
 - 1. Strategic Partners - we are not a decision maker
 - Per Randy: We are part of the Brown Act. Stakes are low under the Brown Act.
 - As a board we are accountable for showing student success as measured by the district, county, state.
 - Board Committee members and the SSC's responsibility is to educate the board and to support agreed on recommendations in support of student success. Board members on the SSC should be able to speak to the board about the recommendations and support the leadership decisions.
- Amy - The definition of student success should be easily understood and explained by all members of the school Board and community.
- Randy – What this committee can do for the senior staff is to provide an informal place where issues can be brought up, discussed, and agreed on prior to recommending to the board. This is an efficiency measure. Ideally, the full board should be able to agree with the committee's recommendations.

B. “We asked. We listened.” document

Amy

- Disclosure: Funded by Amy's organization.
- Amy's thoughts:
 - Youth engagement vs empowerment
 - Youths as agents of change
 - Report provided insights on how to make a truly trauma informed school. Amy's Thoughts:
 - Confidentiality, safety and trust are key
 - How do students and parents/adults feel connected to the school
 - Fine line of confidentiality (trust vs safety)
 - Stigmas against:
 - Immigration status
 - poverty
 - LGBTQIA +
 - Importance of providing healing for the staff. If the staff is not healthy, they are not good for kids
 - What do students want vs what behaviors adults want to suppress

- Kids and families that are struggling the most are the least likely to engage
- Great observations for the board to consider when making policy decisions.
- Carole's Thoughts:
 - A theme that kept coming up was "inclusiveness"
- What does it take to put some of these ideas in place?

Final thoughts:

The authors of this report are excellent resources.

Rebecca Goodman lives in Alameda

C. Committee Goals Discussion

As the Student Success committee, what would success look like to us in June based on our responsibility as a committee?

Big goal topics from last meeting:

- Student profile
- What is a student at AoA?
- Attendance
- Social Justice
- Academic progress

D. Future Meeting and Agenda Information

Notes: Next Meeting Wednesday, October 25 th at 5 pm. NOTE THE DATE CHANGE DUE TO THE BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGE.

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 6:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
C. Robie