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Novus SMART Academy (K-8)

Minutes

November 2026 Academic Excellence Committee Work Session Agenda

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Date and Time
Thursday November 19, 2026 at 7:30 PM

Location

- **Date:** Thursday, November 19, 2026
- **Time:** 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM CT
- **BoardOnTrack (members only platform):** https://app2.boardontrack.com/login/auth
- **Zoom Link:** https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83994904577?pwd=0SbaCPjdp2WM0ngEvIEL9dK9ekslTk.1&jst=2

Committee Members Present
LaTarsha White (remote), Patricia Pryor (remote)

Committee Members Absent
None

Ex Officio Members Present
Jeremy Sager (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. **Record Attendance**

B.

Call the Meeting to Order

Patricia Pryor called a meeting of the Academic Excellence Committee Committee of Novus SMART Academy (K-8) to order on Thursday Nov 19, 2026 at 7:24 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

Patricia Pryor made a motion to approve the minutes from.
LaTarsha White seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. Work Session Items: Academic Excellence Committee

A. Review Academic Committee Goals:

- Review of enrollment goals.
  - Need 84 scholars by March 31st, 2027.
  - Mariposa Consulting Group is working to generate more leads to support enrollment.
- School leadership hosted a virtual info session tonight, and 1 family attended and enrolled.
  - 2nd Tuesdays at 10 AM CT.
  - 4th Thursdays at 6 PM CT.
  - In-person once full access is granted to facilities.
- Board member presence at canvassing events.
- Prepared to participate in a community engagement event on December 1st (Kiwanis Cookie Train and Santa).
- LaTarsha White will print flyers for the event.
- Starting in January, we will target early childhood facilities. Not just drop off flyers, but speak to providers and families.
- Board members will help with social media presence (like and share).

B. Academic Excellence Committee Vacancies

- Dr. Dexter Peterson transitioned off the board, and there is a vacancy.
- We also have interest from S. Sayles, and she has been contacted.
- We must also have a parent rep on the Board as well.

C. School Leadership Candidates Updates

- We have two candidates who have submitted their tasks for the Dean of Academics & Scholar Access role.
  - Pushing for a licensed candidate for this role.
  - Both candidates are strong but do not have the endorsements.
  - Will consider both for culture as well.

D.

Enrollment Updates

Tross is working on creating the enrollment doc and will have it for the next work session.

III. Other Business

A. Scholar Recruitment & Enrollment Playbook

- Review of the doc.
- Flesh out the plan for targeted enrollment in phases, with targeted goals for each month.

B. Review Board Calendar

Moving meeting to the 2nd Thursdays of the month at 7:00 PM CT.

C. Required Board Trainings

1. **Please email certificate of completion to Charles Frazier and Jeremy Sager.**
2. **Please send no later than Friday, November 27th.**

IV. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

1. **White-printing flyers for Kiwana Cookie Train.**
2. **Complete training by 11/27 and send the certificate to Charles/Jeremy.**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patricia Pryor