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The Exploris School

Minutes

Education Excellence Committee Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday September 6, 2022 at 4:30 PM

Committee Members Present
E. Burton, E. Grunden, M. Townley

Committee Members Absent
C. Greer-Banks, D. Deaton, M. Parkerson

Ex Officio Members Present
D. Brown, J. Corbat

Guests Present
Ashley Moser

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

E. Burton called a meeting of the Educational Excellence Committee of The Exploris School to order on Tuesday Sep 6, 2022 at 4:30 PM.

II. Education Excellence

A. Discuss the work of the Education Excellence Committee from last year (20 minutes):

- Eric: We would like to set an agenda for the year. First, by reviewing what the goals are that leadership has for the year. Next, to think through as a committee what we want to add for this year to take a look at in addition.
- Eric: We'd like to talk about what the State the Report Card for The Exploris School means for the direction of the school.
- The school received a C on the report card. What is this data telling us about our program?
- This is
- Ashley: Our current group of 5th graders are our first weighted lottery group.
- Mark: The subgroup data can be insufficient because we are such a small school.
- Eric: We should present a message for the board that reflects our thoughts.
- Josh: We have put a lot of time, effort and resources into building the infrastructure for student support prior to this school report card coming out.
- Ashley: It's important to note that during the pandemic, a lot of the experiential learning opportunities was much more difficult to create for our students.
- The committee will bring this information and and suggestions of next steps to the board.

B. What do we want the goals to be for this year? (20 minutes):

- Eric: What are the goals for the committee this year?
- We then reviewed the School Improvement Plan for this year.
- The School Report Card highlights the needs we are addressing schoolwide.
- Attendance, Academic Benchmarking and Universal Expectations are all part of the School Improvement Plan. All 3 will provide us with the road map for improving our School Report Card.
- Eric: It is a significant point, how can we document the Exploratory part of the school.
- Ashley: Kaizen will work to take the School Improvement Plan into actual action steps we can track throughout the year.
- Ashley: The core of our experiential learning is through Expedition. How can we track how often this is happening?
- Deb: The Education Excellence Committee annual report is always around Rigor, Relevance and Relationships. How do we build out more concrete metrics.
- Mark: The Environmental Education certification process may be a great model to use to create some of these metrics.
- Ashley: Jessi, Emily, Annah and I are all going through this EE certification process together.
- Mark: This certification process measures a lot of the projects we want to demonstrate data and growth.

III. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

- Ethan: I will bring the Environmental Education Certification process to the next committee. Mark and Ashley helping as well.
- Deb and Eric: Working on the communication with families about the State Report Card.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
E. Burton