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Brighter Choice Charter Schools

Minutes

Academic Policy Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday December 10, 2020 at 9:00 AM

Committee Members Present

M. Snyder (remote), N. Maresca (remote), N. Velilla (remote), R. McLaughlin (remote), T. Hanmer (remote), Z. Nelson (remote)

Committee Members Absent

None

Guests Present

Aerielle Morton (remote), K. Ford (remote), K. Mclean (remote), L. Licygiewicz (remote), S. Jahn (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

T. Hanmer called a meeting of the Academic Policy Committee of Brighter Choice Charter Schools to order on Thursday Dec 10, 2020 at 8:54 AM.

C. Approve Minutes

M. Snyder made a motion to approve the minutes from Academic Policy Committee Meeting on 10-15-20.

N. Velilla seconded the motion.

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

II. Academic Policy

A. Principal Report

K. McLean gave the Principal's Report for the BCCS Boys School, indicating enrollment, attendance data (hybrid, remote and in-person). Families have chosen either all in person or all remote models of instruction moving forward and choices will be implemented in January. At-risk scholars who need more interventions may be moved to all in-person more rapidly.

A. Morton (Instructional Coach) reported on benchmarking data for the Boys' School. She outlined the potential challenges faced by scholars who have been out of school in the past year due to COVID and what BCCS intervention specialists and teachers have been doing to meet these needs and catch them up.

K. McLean went over in NYS standards-level detail the results of all the interim assessments of the scholars. She described the Performance Learning Communities (PLCs) that meet to share expertise and teaching skills for the purpose of improving professional skills and improving scholar achievement.

K. McLean described the virtual renewal visit by SED and the accolades for instructional strength of our faculty and classrooms.

K. McLean described the requirements and school plans for school community testing if the locality moves into a NYS designated "Yellow," "Orange," or "Red" Zones.

B. Principal Report

K. Ford gave the Principal's Report for the BCCS Girls School, indicating enrollment, attendance data (hybrid, remote and in-person). Families have chosen either all in person or all remote models of instruction moving forward and choices will be implemented in January. At-risk scholars who need more interventions may be moved to all in-person more rapidly.

K. Ford described the virtual renewal visits by NYSED and the positive impression the renewal team had of the school.

K. Ford stated that a scholar parent would like to join the board. The board will invite him to the January board meeting to begin introductions.

K. Ford described the requirements and school plans for school community testing if the locality moves into a NYS designated "Yellow," "Orange," or "Red" Zones.

K. Ford described staff requirements for COVID-related time off.

K. Ford described the Standards-based performance of scholars on interim assessments and benchmarking, including new instructional staff and staff who have moved positions.

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 10:08 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
T. Hanmer