



The New American Academy Charter School

Minutes

TNAACS Board Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday February 16, 2023 at 5:00 PM

Directors Present

C. Kelly (remote), E. DeAngelis (remote), F. Monroe (remote), K. Yu (remote), M. Lynch (remote)

Directors Absent

H. Hunt, V. McDonald

Guests Present

Cristy Cuellar (remote), L. Parquette Silva (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

E. DeAngelis called a meeting of the board of directors of The New American Academy Charter School to order on Thursday Feb 16, 2023 at 5:04 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

Lisa reviewed the minutes from the prior meeting. She spoke about how enrollment is low but that the applicants are higher quality (more definite interest) vs. random applicants (ie from the Bronx, other areas far away)

Lisa also spoke about the how Sheila reviewed Math with parents, data that was discussed, renewal information, how non-material changes were approved by NYSED, and professional development opportunities for the board.

Colleen approved and Michelle seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved.

C. Kelly made a motion to approve the minutes from TNAACS Board Meeting on 01-19-23.

E. DeAngelis seconded the motion.

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

II. Data

A. NYS Mock Math Exam

Lisa gave an overview of the mock ELA and Math exams. With ELA, there are a number of interventions available to work on with the students such as LLI.

With math, the school has found it more difficult to find interventions. They did an item analysis by standard.

Lisa explained which questions students got correct/wrong and what standard each question was based on. They were encouraged by Grade 3 given that this grade never tested before. They also did well under testing conditions. Teachers are analyzing questions and the wording of questions, that may have confused students.

Colleen spoke about instead of beginning with the question, begin with the responses in order to see where the students' misconceptions might be. Lisa spoke about how the team was also doing that. Colleen also suggested looking at student work in the booklet as it may give more information about what each student was thinking.

Lisa stated that Olawa is the DTL and will be working with the teachers on data analysis. Lisa stated that the Grade 4 and Grade 5 students struggled more than Grade 3. There were a number of questions where less than 40% got the correct answers and that the questions are based on a broader number of standards (vs. Grade 3 which was mostly numbers and operations.) Lisa stated that students did not do well on fraction questions. Of the 9 questions, 40% or more answered 8 of them incorrectly. They will be looking at incorrect responses to determine misconceptions.

Lisa stated that they will be supporting newer teachers with data analysis and that the more experienced teachers are able to make connections more on their own.

There were some test taking learning such as bubbling 2 answers, not answering/skipping questions, behaviors that might benefit from 504.

Lisa also explained that there are a number of questions that the students did really well.

She explained that the purpose of that data is to plan for the next 4-6 weeks.

Lisa also explained that there is IReady data that shows connections between iReady and how students might perform on the exam.

III. Committees

A. Governance Committee

Colleen reviewed the spreadsheet relating to committees and asked that committee members add notes into the spreadsheet so that all notes are in one place.

She asked if there was anyone who had an update that could be added and reviewed items on the committee/project list.

IV. Other

A. Meet The TNAACS Board Presentation

Colleen spoke about the Meet the Board meeting that will take place on Friday, February 17. She spoke about the agenda for the afternoon.

The staff can either join a group or just look at the profiles and create their own profile.

The staff will then come back together and discuss the process and then go into break out rooms with time for the staff to tell the board member what they need from the staff. The other option for the staff is to just add to the Jamboard.

Then we will have a 10 minute close. Colleen explained that the overarching goal is for the staff and the board to be able to connect names with faces and learn about each other and build relationships.

Lisa thanked Colleen and the board for the work and spoke about the growth and changes in the board and how this is a perfect time for staff to connect with the board.

B. Upcoming Board Professional Development Opportunities

Lisa reminded the board that there are resources for the board. On March 8th, there is a PD on the Finance Committee. You can sign up and then watch at a later time.

The PD's are always on Wednesday. Lisa reminded the board that everyone has a Board on Track log in and has access to these resources.

Lisa showed the board the other types of resources such as articles, Q & A sessions and these can be very helpful training for the board.

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 5:57 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
E. DeAngelis