



The New American Academy Charter School

Minutes

Academic Excellence Monthly Committee meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday January 16, 2024 at 3:00 PM

Location

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88227784441?pwd=WDhLZ3ZiQmZuQINLRHRZSmRMbU4rQT09>

Meeting ID: 882 2778 4441

Passcode: sisepuede

Committee Members Present

C. Cuellar-Lezcano (remote)

Committee Members Absent

E. DeAngelis

Guests Present

S. Osnes (remote), dmays@thenewamericanacademy.org (remote),
gibson@thenewamericanacademy.org (remote), ybabb@thenewamericanacademy.org (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B.

Call the Meeting to Order

C. Cuellar-Lezcano called a meeting of the Academic Committee Committee of The New American Academy Charter School to order on Tuesday Jan 16, 2024 at 3:03 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

II. Areas of Growth from Dec meeting

A. From Dec. meeting

Dr. Babb:

3rd grade - Student-led goals: Paloma developed a form with a tracker for students to track their goals; have also started to incentivize them for reaching those goals (student activities such as karoake, etc)

Ms. Gibson -

4th and 5th grade - working on student transference - using their strategies from small group into their independent work; test prep/incentivize - to be more independent; students default to pictures unless they get pushed by teachers;

Test prep committee - more positive culture around test prep and buy-in from students, teachers, and parents; just started; goals with expectations are set for the week; (goals are based on character, perseverance, meticulousness, stamina); next committee meeting will focus on defining the student moves - what are the ways are showing those 4 buckets);

Mays - shout-out to Ms. Torres (associate teacher on the team) who is leading the math meetings with the structure laid out by Paloma/Diamond; teachers are coming with anticipated responses; in 1st grade - they are working on representation - how to record and represent their thinking on paper.

Another shout-out to Ms. V --> habits of discussion; student discourse is strong; they will record this as a way for teachers to observe and discuss

Other successes to highlight:

- 2nd grade: really taking ownership of the story tracker

- Ms. K - 53% of students are above grade level in mclass

- teachers are using their SMART goals during their observations to improve their pedagogical practice

- teacher autonomy over the selection of story problems

Concerns that they'd like to mention:

1. Let's not forget about ELA - accountability should be here too; starting in next month's meeting, we will talk through ELA too

2. Mays - while there is an improvement with story problems, they are not seeing the growth in place value/number sense; teachers have decided to switch and move this unit sooner.

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 13th at 3:00 pm.

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 3:29 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
C. Cuellar-Lezcano