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## Navigator Schools

# Minutes

## Academic Success Committee Meeting

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### Date and Time

Wednesday January 31, 2024 at 4:00 PM

### Location

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### Committee Members Present

Alfred Morikang (remote), Chuck Daggs (remote), JP Anderson (remote)

### Committee Members Absent

Claire Grissom

### Guests Present

Ami Ortiz (remote), Caprice Young (remote), Crystal O'Rourke (remote), James Dent (remote),  
Mariah Butron (remote), Tina Hill (remote), Tom Peraic (remote)

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## I. Opening Items

A.

### **Call the Meeting to Order**

Chuck Daggs called a meeting of the Academic Success Committee of Navigator Schools to order on Wednesday Jan 31, 2024 at 4:01 PM.

### **B. Record Attendance and Guests**

### **C. Approve Minutes from Prior Meeting**

Alfred Morikang made a motion to approve the minutes from Academic Success Committee Meeting on 11-27-23.

Chuck Daggs seconded the motion.

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

### **D. Opening Comments from Chief Academic Officer**

Chief Academic Officer, James Dent, welcomed the committee.

## **II. Academic Topics**

### **A. Unit 2 STAR Assessment Results**

James Dent shared that STAR scores at GPS have shown growth.

Hayward Collegiate STAR scores are also on an upwards trend.

Crystal O'Rourke, Director of Schools, spoke to this upward trend as it relates to best practices in coaching and data analysis at HC.

Hollister Prep is increasing steadily.

Watsonville Prep is increasing as well.

Chuck Daggs commented that the trends are going in the right direction

### **B. Transitional Kindergarten Plan**

TK grant for WPS, now 2 TK classes, HC has 1 TK. CD, rely on data. Crystal, seeing better results at K. 25-26 must be offered to all 4 years olds. Plan for 2 new TK classes in 24-25 at GPS, HPS in 25-26. Same as K day, 5-6 hours. AM, excited for the program, shared parent experience. Crystal is TK staff lead.

Crystal O'Rourke shared the Navi TK mission statement.

She shared that WPS had 2 TK classrooms and 1 TK classroom at HC. Next year, 24-25, GPS will have TK. In 25-26, HPS will have TK. Navigator will be in compliance with state TK laws.

We are seeing successes with TK cohorts going into Kindergarten.

James verified we will have additional data from this year, 23-24, to track progress for next year.

Crystal is the TK lead at Navigator.

### **C. Update on Special Education**

Tina offers summary of Cross Country program review, interviewed staff on 12/11-12/13/23. Findings expected 01/29/24. Tier 3 interventions in place, seeing growth in ELA and math across all 4 campuses. CY, Chime in LA, one of the original full inclusion charter schools, we do it right here, best practices and innovation. Since increased salaries, beginning to believe. CD, staffing at traditional school, we have 30 per class, rare at elementary, usually 24-28, one teacher, no SGIs, sped aids little training and no collaboration. We are replicating this very expensive model.

Tina Hill shared an update at SPED.

Cross Country program reviewed all 4 Navigator campuses.

The program reported positive and seamless collaboration amongst Gen-Ed and SPED Staff within the classroom. Tina will report next steps at a later time.

Growth: All Special Ed students are currently receiving interventions. Goals are being adjusted as needed.

Dr. Young commented on the positive staffing trends in this department.

### **D. English Language Arts Process**

Crystal O'Rourke spoke to the ELA Adoption Update and the why behind this decision. Navigator Schools will be adopting a K-5 ELA Curriculum to be piloted in the fall of 2024.

Navigator Schools will form a Curriculum Committee as a next step.

Crystal shared that Navi will be adopting a K-5 curriculum to be piloted in the fall of 2024. Big deal to some of the teachers here who helped build the curriculum. Curriculum Committee discussed, teachers, leaders, student services. ELA PD given to all leaders. JD shared that always using curriculum as a starting point and not an end point, attempting to find "best" starting point. CKLA and Expeditionary Learning (EL) being considered, first time Navi will purchase a curriculum. Potential for consultant support. JP offered that this is impressive. CD, coaching culture is great - JD, coach does 6 classrooms, partner with SGIs. Teachers in classrooms 75-80% of the day. CD, factor in

teacher retention. CY, survey backed up by what teachers are saying. CD, not so much a cost as much as it is an investment.

### III. Closing Items

#### A. Schedule Next Committee Meeting

James will reach out to Claire to get another meeting.  
To be discussed later

#### B. Adjourn Meeting

JP Anderson made a motion to Adjourn meeting.  
Chuck Daggs seconded the motion.  
The committee **VOTED** to approve the motion.  
There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 4:52 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tom Peraic