

# KIPP Memphis Public Schools

## Minutes

### Academic Committee Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Tuesday February 7, 2023 at 4:30 PM

#### Location

Virtual: Zoom

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#### Committee Members Present

D. Lyles-Wallace (remote), H. Coleman (remote), M. Davis (remote), S. Isabell (remote), T. Palacio (remote)

#### Committee Members Absent

C. Green

#### Guests Present

J. Ward-Gill (remote), J. Worles (remote), L. Brooks (remote), L. Tate (remote)

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### I. Opening Items

#### A. Record Attendance

#### B. Call the Meeting to Order

S. Isabell called a meeting of the Academic Excellence Committee of KIPP Memphis Public Schools to order on Tuesday Feb 7, 2023 at 4:43 PM.

#### C. Approve Minutes

M. Davis made a motion to approve the minutes from Academic Excellence Committee Meeting on 11-01-22.

T. Palacio seconded the motion.

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

### II. Academic Excellence Presentation

#### A.

**Chief of Schools - Chief Brooks presented the following presentation:**

**Academic Data Progress Toward Goals**

- **Achievement Goals: Success Rate (All Campuses) | On-Track & Mastery**
  - ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies
- **Achievement Goals: Success Rate | On-Track & Mastery**
  - ELA & Math - 3rd and 7th Grade | ALG 1 & ENG 1 - 9th Grade
  - Attendance and Graduation Rate

**2nd Benchmark Data for all campuses:** Overview of the ELA, Math, Science

- Social Studies for KMCM, KMAM and KMCH

**6th ELA Tri-Weekly Assessment Data:** Overview for KMCE, KMCM, KMAM, KMCH - ELA, Math, Science

- Social Studies for KMCM, KMAM, KMCH

**Strategies**

- **Writing Plan:** The English language arts (ELA) assessments will be administered in four

subparts for grades 3-8 and in three subparts for high school end-of-course exams.

- The first subpart is the writing portion of the assessment which preparation began January 2, 2023.
  - Elementary - writing will take place every Thursday for grades 3-5
  - Middle and High School - writing will take place daily
- **PSAT:** Helps establish a baseline for students as they enter high school and begin preparing for college and career readiness. February 23rd for 8th and 9th graders
- **Mock TCAP/EOC:** Mastery Connect Benchmark 3, February 27 - March 10, 2023
- **Gear Up for the ACT:** Students hand selected for ACT Prep Class for 2nd Semester. KMCH ACT teachers also attended to reinforce what was taught. March 7th Test Day.

**Teacher Support and Retention**

- **New Teacher Academy:** To provide KMPS new teachers with an additional layer of support. Attendance is mandatory. Upcoming events are as follows:
  - Howell Campus: 2/28, 3/29 and 5/9 starting at 4:00 pm
  - Henry Campus: 2/23, 3/30, and 5/11 starting at 4:00 pm
- **Intent to Return:** Chief Brooks gave an overview of KMPS staff intending to return.

**What's Happening in Schools**

- Chief Brooks gave an overview of happenings at the schools:
  - Swim Team.
  - Support KMPS Latin students with lots of activities.
  - Collected over 3600 items for KMPS Necessities Drive and will be used to setup pantries at each school for the students.
  - Recruiting Students.
  - 3 students received a \$1,000 Scholarship from the Scruggs Foundation.
  - Basket Raffle from each school and the SST Office as an incentive for parents to re-enroll their children.

### III. Committee Questions

#### A. Questions presented from the Academic Committee.

**Committee Member Palacio:** Has a bilingual mentor assistant been hired at the schools?

**Chief Brooks:** No. KMPS have relationships with Memphis Shelby Count School and as long as we give them ample notice, they will allow for one of their mentors on staff to come to KMPS events.

**Committee Member Palacio:** Are the ESL teachers at KIPP also participating in the workshops and trainings.

**Chief Brooks:** Yes.

**Board Chair Davis:** If we are increasing population, it feels like it needs to become a priority, maybe to make sure KIPP has folks who speak Spanish?

**Chief Brooks:** Yes. We currently have someone at the Howell Campus but we do not currently have anyone at the Henry campus at this time. We do need to do more of an investment there.

**Board Chair Davis:** How are we now with enrollment numbers?

**Chief Brooks:** KIPP Executive Team provide weekly updates. We can provide that information to you because the numbers are going up everyday.

**Board Chair Davis:** Would like if Chief Brooks would add the number of kids by each parentheses percentage.

**Chief Brooks:** Will add the number of students going forward.

#### **IV. Academic Excellence Chairperson Comments**

##### **A. Committee Member Dawson comments.**

Thank you for the data and looking forward to seeing the benchmark 3 data when they take that and the enrollment update.

#### **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 5:43 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
J. Ward-Gill