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KIPP Memphis Public Schools

Minutes

Academic Committee Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday April 1, 2025 at 5:00 PM

Location
Non-board members and non-staff are welcomed to attend this public meeting and are asked to pre-register to receive the meeting location details: KMPS Board Meeting Registration

Committee Members Present
D. Lyles-Wallace (remote), J. Neal (remote), L. Johnson III (remote), L. Sweet (remote), N. Gatson (remote)

Committee Members Absent
M. Davis

Guests Present
A. Burt (remote), G. Williams (remote), J. Ward-Gill (remote), L. Brooks (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

D. Lyles-Wallace called a meeting of the Academic Excellence Committee of KIPP Memphis Public Schools to order on Tuesday Apr 1, 2025 at 5:06 PM.

B. Roll Call

C. Agenda Review

The agenda was reviewed and accepted with no changes.

D. Approval of Minutes

L. Sweet made a motion to approve the minutes from Academic Committee Meeting on 02-04-25.
J. Neal seconded the motion.

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

II. Academic Excellence Presentation

A. Academic Goals

Chief Brooks reviewed the 2024-2025 academic goals that focus on improving on-track and mastery levels in ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies across all campuses.

B. Tri-Weekly Assessment

- Tri-Weekly Assessments on Mastery Connect evaluate standards every three weeks, supporting data-driven instruction and student mastery.
- An update was provided on student performance on the two most recent assessments in ELA, Math, Social Studies, and Science.
- KMCE exceeded their AMO goals in ELA and Math.
- KMCH exceeded their AMO goals in Math, Science, and Social Studies.

C. Advanced Academics Updates

KIPP Forward Match updates included the following:

- 94% complete with FAFSA submissions from the Class of 25
- Completion of one-on-ones (individual meetings) with each Junior and Senior
- Graduation is May 15th at 6:00 PM at First Baptist Broad.

Ready Graduate and Graduation Projection

- Students who enter 9th grade are part of a cohort that follows them until graduation. If a student leaves, they remain in the cohort unless the school provides proper documentation of their transfer. The graduation projection will continue to be fluid until all students in the cohort are located. Graduation rate is finalized a year following graduation.
- Currently 57.1% of our students are ready graduates.

Committee Chair Lyles-Wallace inquired about the actual graduation rate of students in our building not counting the ones who were in the cohort that we haven't seen in years or not this year to show side by side with the "policy graduation rate."

D. STEM Update

- KIPP Memphis is excited to present at the Tennessee STEM Innovation Network State Convention from May 7th to 9th. Mr. Booker, STEM Director, and Ms. Durham, KIPP Forward Director will co-present on Bridging the Gap between K-12 counselors and STEM teachers to inspire career readiness. The team, including Principal Smith, Mr. Alexander, and Ms. Skinner, will also attend to learn about the

application process for becoming a STEM-designated school next year. This opportunity highlights KIPP Memphis' growing collaboration with the STEM program.

III. Questions and Comments

A. Committee Questions & Comments

Board Member Gatson: For TCAP preparations, are scheduling and materials ready, whether additional proctors are needed, and if there's any support that can be provided for the upcoming test?

CEO Burt: The schedules will be finalized by Friday, April 4th, and sent out next week.

- Gwendy, note to send any updated proctor availability by next Tuesday after schedules are finalized on Friday and vetted on Monday. The need for proctors will likely be higher in the secondary space, as the elementary staffing is more solid.

Board Chair Johnson: What is the update on the new charter school application approval and inquires how board members can assist in advocating for it?

CEO Burt: Regarding the charter, we're waiting for MSCS to announce when it will be brought to the board, hopefully in April. Board members can support by reaching out to current board members to advocate for the application and expanding our footprint. Additionally, having more board members present at the business meeting when the item is voted on will demonstrate unity, similar to the renewal process.

B. Academic Excellence Chairperson Comments

Committee Chair Lyles-Wallace thanked everyone for the update.

IV. 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 6:16 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. Ward-Gill