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KIPP Memphis Public Schools

Minutes

Academic Committee Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday May 13, 2025 at 5:00 PM

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

Committee Members Absent
None

Guests Present
A. Burt (remote), G. Williams (remote), J. Ward-Gill (remote), L. Brooks (remote), L. Tate (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 May 13, 2025 at 5:05 PM.

B. Roll Call

C. Agenda Review

D. Approval of Minutes

L. Sweet made a motion to approve the minutes from Academic Committee Meeting on 04-01-25.
N. Gatson seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Academic Excellence Presentation

A. PSAT Results

Chief Tate gave an update and overview of the following:
Academic Goals 2024-25

- Just a reminder of our academic goals this year, which are our double AMO goals. We'll focus on these when we get the results from the recent TCAP and EOC assessments.

PSAT Results - 9th Grade College Readiness, YoY / 9th Grade Median Scores, YoY

- 9th grade college readiness showed slight improvements in English Reading and Writing when comparing 9th grade 2024 scores with the 9th grade 2025 scores. The median PSAT scores for 2024 and 2025 showed an overall increase of 10 points, from 740 to 750.
- **8th Grade College Readiness YoY (2024–2025):** College readiness showed a slight increase for Math when comparing 2024 8th grade scores to 2025 8th grade scores. Similar to the 9th grade scores, the median PSAT scores showed an overall increase from 740 to 750 from 2024- 2025.

Question: Board Chair Johnson:
- What was the range of scores in 2025 versus the range in 2024.
Answer: Dr. Tate: Will get the information to the Committee within 2 days.

B. TN Ready and EOC Participation

Chief Tate gave an update and overview of the following:
TNReady Participation:

- All public school students in grades 3-8 and those enrolled in specific high school courses are required to participate in TNReady assessments.
- **Assessment Participation Rates:**
  - KMCE: 100% participation across all subjects
  - KMCM: Had between 99% - 100% participation across all subjects
  - KMCH: Had between 98.7% - 99% participation across all subjects

C. Advanced Academics Updates

Chief Brooks gave an overview and update of the following:

Graduation Projection:

- The projected graduation rate is 85.9%, up from 79.2% last year and 79.6% the year before. With only 10 students left to locate, the rate may increase further, already exceeding the double AMO target of 81.8%.

Valedictorian and Salutatorian:

- Thanks to the generous donations from the board, these students will receive a KIPP Memphis Board of Directors Scholarship:

Jakeeyah Tanner, Valedictorian - $1,550
Tamia Booker, Salutatorian - $1,000

III. Questions and Comments

A. Committee Questions & Comments

Committee Chair Lyles-Wallace: Do we get data around why students have withdrawn from College?
Chief Brooks: Yes. Some of the reasons are financial and some students just do not like being away from home.

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 5:57 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. Ward-Gill