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Coral Academy of Science Las Vegas

Minutes

Academic Committee Meeting

Date and Time
Monday May 19, 2025 at 2:00 PM

Location
CASLV Central Office
8985 S. Eastern Ave #375
Las Vegas, NV, 89123

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All items are action or possible action items if denoted as such.

Committee Members Present
Arlene Hayman, Dr. Carryn Warren, Elizabeth Kazelskis

Committee Members Absent
None

Guests Present
Amber Nhan, CASLV Academic Program Coordinator , Andrea Shepard, CASLV Executive Assistant, Dr. Ercan Aydogdu, CASLV Executive Director & CEO, Dr. Mustafa Gunozu, CASLV Chief Academic Officer, Mine Eraslan, CASLV Assessment & Accountability Coordinator , Rachael Peckham, CASLV Academic Program Coordinator

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I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

Arlene Hayman called a meeting of the Academic Excellence Committee of Coral Academy of Science Las Vegas to order on Monday May 19, 2025 at 2:01 PM.

B. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

II. Discussion & Possible Action Items

A. 2025-2026 School Year Local Literacy Plan (For Possible Action)

Ms. Amber Nhan presented the LLP, which expands upon the framework established in the
previous year. Finalizing the plan in time for implementation at the beginning of the new school year will prove advantageous. The document adopts a revised format, and she provided an overview of key highlights that reflect the updates.

Ms. Nhan outlined four main goals:

Student Achievement
Educator Development – including professional development and trainings in collaboration with the Nevada Department of Education (NDE)
Family Resources
Data-Driven Instruction

These goals align with and support the requirements of CASLV's LLP.

Board members raised questions regarding returning staff and federal funding, which Dr. Ercan addressed in detail.
Dr. Carryn Warren made a motion to accept the Local Literacy School Plan for next school year.
Elizabeth Kazelskis seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Curriculum Orders (For Possible Action)

Dr. Gunozu and Ms. Eraslan presented the proposed curriculum purchase items, noting that CASLV Centennial Hills has expressed interest in piloting the science component. This recommendation emerged from the faculty at that campus, reflecting teacher-led advocacy for curricular innovation.

The highlights included:

BrainPop – known for its engaging quizzes and educational content
Reveal Math – a comprehensive math program currently under review
Twig Science – already being piloted at Centennial Hills campus, noted for its engaging content and flexibility

Ms. Eraslan provided a detailed overview of each curriculum option.
Arlene Hayman made a motion to approve all of the curriculum orders as presented.
Dr. Carryn Warren seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C. High School Course Catalogue Updates (For Possible Action)

Ms. Eraslan presented the high school course catalog updates, highlighting format and content-related enhancements. Visual improvements, such as updated fonts and the incorporation of color, were made to improve readability. While the existing content was entirely preserved, the new format and the inclusion of a course description for Computer Science and Applications, eligible for high school credit. The Board proposed two revisions:

Standard Diploma – A typo in the table needs to be corrected.

Course Descriptions – Consider including a “None” statement for courses without prerequisites to maintain consistency across all entries.
Dr. Carryn Warren made a motion to approve the HS course catalog with a few modifications.
Elizabeth Kazelskis seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. Consulting Services for Secondary ELA (For Possible Action)

Dr. Gunozu shared that CASLV has been working with a consultant who provides targeted professional development for the English Language Arts ELA department. The consultant, a former CASLV teacher and English Department Head. He has been collaborating with the team since March 2025.

This support, recommended and funded by the Charter School Growth Fund (CSGF), aims to strengthen ELA instruction. The consultant actively gathers feedback from administrators and department chairs to guide improvements.
Arlene Hayman made a motion to approve the funding for consulting services with Winther Consulting Group for $38,000.
Dr. Carryn Warren seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

E. Consulting Services for Data Analysis (For Possible Action)

The continuation agreement involves using SBAC data at the student level. The partner organization analyzes this data three times a year, allowing for accurate assessment and actionable insights at both the student and teacher levels.

Feedback was gathered from all campuses, and all except one expressed interest in continuing the partnership. CSGF Crush grant funds will cover the service cost.
Arlene Hayman made a motion to approve funding for the consulting services with RTB Data & Consulting, LLC for $73,000.
Dr. Carryn Warren seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

F. Academic Policies Manual (For Possible Action)

This item is tabled.

III. Public Comments (Information)

A. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

IV. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Dr. Carryn Warren made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Elizabeth Kazelskis seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** unanimously 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 2:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Andrea Shepard, CASLV Executive Assistant