



## Veritas Preparatory Charter School

### Minutes

#### Academic Achievement Committee Meeting

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**Date and Time**

Thursday November 9, 2017 at 8:00 AM

**Location**

Veritas Prep Charter School 1st Floor Conference Room or Dial-In Number: 866-848-2216,  
Conference Code: 7783935205

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**Committee Members Present**

D. Janes (remote), E. Baecher, M. Sweet, R. Romano (remote), R. Sela

**Committee Members Absent**

G. Moody

**Committee Members who arrived after the meeting opened**

M. Sweet

**Guests Present**

A. Martin, Melanie Grandison, R. Kaplan

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**I. Opening Items****A. Record Attendance and Guests**

Melanie joined later in the meeting.

Rae Kaplan was introduced as Rachel's Executive assistant.

**B.**

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

R. Sela called a meeting of the Academic Achievement Committee of Veritas Preparatory Charter School to order on Thursday Nov 9, 2017 at 8:00 AM.

### **C. Approve Minutes**

Will approve October minutes at December 14th meeting.

## **II. 2017 MCAS Data Review**

### **A. Data Review**

Discussion included;

- SGP metrics. Veritas showed tremendous growth in the 2017 testing scores. Scores were the 2nd highest in the state. **Go Emily!**
- Emily & Ashley provided details why they feel there was a growth and will go the back to the teachers and get their feedback too
- Ashley mentioned there needs to be a "reset" on culture because there has been a step back

Mike offered a compliment, that Veritas seems to be the only middle school to figure out what the kids need. Awesome.

Percentages as compared to local schools, Veritas is out performing state average. BIG DEAL.

NEXT STEPS FOR EMILY: Talking to teachers about their rosters and coaching.

M. Sweet arrived.

## **III. Academic Achievement**

### **A. Dashboard Data**

Emily provided a handout and described the percentages and what they mean. Although some of the percentages look low, they are actually strong. The scholars performed well.

A handout will be emailed to Dale.

NEXT STEPS:

2. Examine data of special education group more in depth at next committee meeting.
3. Compare ANET data and grades at next committee meeting.

### **B.**

## **Common Criteria**

### **Status of Common Criteria #1.**

- Something more than a poster is needed. It's great but there needs to more.
- There has been work with a consultant to create design elements.
  - 8 elements have been combined into 4
  - There is a word document that has grant language that will be included in design elements.
- Mention of a presentation to the Board should be made. Maybe at the December meeting?
  - Presentation of fundraising materials

### **NEXT STEPS:**

Discussion of Common Criteria #2 - Access and Equity

## **C. ESE Meeting - Additional Seats**

ESE Meeting is scheduled, 11/15/17 @ 12:30.

108 seats that have been applied for will be discussed. Rachel & Lynne will attend in person. Remote callers will be scaled back. Be prepared for an update email from Rachel. A balance is needed.

- Rachel can't answer everything, they need to know that the team is prepared.
- Rachel will send the questions that will need to be answered, so people can prepare. They are related to; facility, finance, governance...
  - Supplemental information has been requested; discipline, special populations, student and teacher attrition as well as academic data.

## **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 9:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
R. Kaplan