APPROVED

Veritas Preparatory Charter School

Minutes

Academic Achievement Committee Meeting

Zoom Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday October 14, 2021 at 8:00 AM

Location
Join Zoom Meeting https://vpcs-org.zoom.us/j/3161659740

Committee Members Present
A. Clark (remote), A. Errichetti (remote), D. Janes (remote), L. Doherty (remote), R. Romano (remote), R. Sela (remote)

Committee Members Absent
J. Crowell

Guests Present
J. Swan (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

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 Oct 14, 2021 at 8:03 AM.

C. Approve Minutes

D. Janes made a motion to approve the minutes from Academic Achievement Committee Meeting on 09-16-21.
A. Errichetti seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
R. Sela	Aye
L. Doherty	Aye
D. Janes	Aye
R. Romano	Abstain
A. Clark	Abstain
J. Crowell	Absent
A. Errichetti	Aye

II. Academic Achievement

A. Report on Academic Goals

Amy presented the data dashboard to the committee. Dale asked Amy how similar this year feels to 2019. Amy explained that the teachers, the job of training the new teachers, and operating the school feels pretty much the same except COVID related protocols. Students are struggling more than ever, students in 5th and 6th grade are crying more than we've ever seen. They are having a hard time adjusting back to school and our 7th and 8th graders are farther behind grade level than a typical cohort so we are needing to intervene in the upper grades with academic supports. We will be able to make progress and accelerate learning now that we have students back at school. Mental health issues are not only impacting students, they are also impacting teachers. We are working harder to improve the mood and infuse joy. We bring lots of food and Amy has discussed with her team how the board can help. Rebecca and Anne both expressed a desire to do something on behalf of the board. Amy and team is bringing in therapists and wellness things like yoga. They've focused on and have good plans for the mental health and wellness side. Still, the team needs more joy. Amy has shared some other ideas with Rachel, the committee discussed them and different things the board might do to add joy and show appreciation and care for teachers. Rachel is going to assign a staff member to serve as board support the board with logistics to do something on top of what the leadership is doing for the team throughout the year.

III. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

A. Errichetti made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
D. Janes 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 9:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
R. Romano

Documents used during the meeting

None