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Eno River Academy

Minutes

February Academic Committee Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday February 17, 2026 at 9:00 AM

Location
Location

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9142718917

Committee Members Present
Lindsey Sealy (remote), Margaret Barr (remote), Megan Shepherd-Banigan (remote), Pamela Norcross (remote)

Committee Members Absent
Charlotte Dungan

Guests Present
Kristin Martin (remote), Michael Brown (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Margaret Barr called a meeting of the Academic Committee Committee of Eno River Academy to order on Tuesday Feb 17, 2026 at 9:03 AM.

C. Approve Minutes

Margaret Barr made a motion to approve the minutes from January AC Monthly Meeting on 01-13-26.
Pamela Norcross seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Academic Committee

A. Middle School Schedule

Kristin gave brief overview and then Amber Coburn and Pamela Harkey discussed

- MS schedule been same for long time, been lots of changes in MS in last 5 years. MS schedule no longer able to meet goals of MS anymore
- Went over MS document. Current MS schedule issues to address:
    - Services: students needing services for example population of students needing services has increased. Currently schedule does not allow those services to be provided as needed,
    - Middle School teacher loss- schedule not as conducive to enrichment
    - Transition from MS to HS schedule more difficult.
    - Equity in team
- What is a better schedule:
    - Compared other MS schedules across state
    - Developed outline that supports students and teachers better
    - Went over in detail what this would look like
- Downsides
    - Need 3 more teachers, would share classroom space
    - Have to split A/B Days with Science and Social Studies
- Discussion post presentation
    - Would get 44 extra hours in Math and ELA
    - Need extra 1 ELA teacher, 6th grade Social studies, need extra PE teacher
    - Question/Answer time
    - Next steps finance committee for 3 more teachers, then possibly back to our committee, then take to board.

B. AI Policy

Lindsey presented AI policy

- Lindsey, Mr. Jewitt, Charlotte met to discuss with AI policy
- Sent out surveys and data to help create an AI guidelines policy moving forward
- Next steps: training, staff volunteers, guidance from NCDPI, colleges, other schools

C.

STEM School of Distinction

Pamela- Based on a NC STEM of Distinction Rubric that Dave Nagel sent out., for next meeting pre-read this document

- What STEM school of distinction means and how to get there
- Discuss more in-depth how this integrates into whole curriculum.
- What are we offering and how are we offering it? Get baseline and then figure out how to incorporate some of this into curriculum.

III. 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 10:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Margaret Barr