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# Eno River Academy

# Minutes

## Academic Committee May 7, 2026

**Date and Time**
Thursday May 7, 2026 at 9:00 AM

**Location**
Online:
https://www.google.com/maps/search/?api=1&query=https%3A%2F%2Fus02web.zoom.us%2Fj%2F9142718917

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

**Committee Members Absent**
*None*

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

### I. Opening Items

#### A. Record Attendance

Attendance:
Pamela Norcross
Lindsey Sealy
Scott Jewett

Kathy Hughes
Margaret Barr
Kristin Martin
Dr. Brown
Megan Shephard-Banigan
Donna Kuhl

### B. Call the Meeting to Order

Pamela Norcross called a meeting of the Academic Committee Committee of Eno River Academy to order on Thursday May 7, 2026 at 9:03 AM.

## II. Academic Committee

### A. Review AC charter

- new meeting set for Monday 2:30- to talk about new postion
-did not read the AC charter due to a lack of time, but will need to review this to ensure AC committee is on target for the task we have been charged with.

### B. Personnel & Hiring

New Hire discussion:
Dr Brown: Matthew Spencer to replace Mr Best for English Teacher postion
Has 19 years of experience

Ms. Martin:
Mr John Elderton 8th grade ELA
-expereince focusing on writing
-fulnright award winner

Martha Bearfoot-Yeager- MS social studies- moving from ERA ELA postion
3 section of social studies and 3 on STREAM

### C. ERA STREAM Integration/Curriculum orientation

### D. Field Trips

4th & 5th graders had a field trip to Life and Science
42 chaperones and 80 students
-lots of other schools there
-feedback that some students from another school where blocking kids from interacting and accessing, not being kind or friendly- some kids reported to parents but was not reported to teachers or Sealy on the field trip
-Letter sent to the Board about safety, wasn't aligned acadimically according to that parent; driving

-parents have a background check and waiver
-suggested to create a document for parents as a guide for the field trip- has central rules and safety; guidance on what happens with an inappropariate situation;  have a reflection of the learning as an outcome
-also in the letter "Spa Day," during a review day in stations- test taking strategies and social emotional health; are reviewed plus both subjects reviewed at the stations- parents may need more inforamtion about what SE learning is an its importance
-safety was emphasized as priority and steps for chaperones to take as well as training needs
-Lindsey will follow up with this parent

### E. AI update

AI updates presented by Kathy Hughes and Scott Jewett:
-Updated technology user agreement
-AI safety: created a universal document for when to use AI and when not to use AI
-teach children how to identify AI
-Communicate with families- grade specific
-Align learning goals with STREAM initiatives
-Possible AI cohort of teachers
-Technology and AI training for teachers
-Worked with Charlotte Dungan: Mark Cuban Foundation's Free Bootcamp for any teacher or staff member
-get an AI fellow to represent ERA- applications close May 15th

## III. Other Business

### A. Update on MS

need more elective teachers-
-Spanish & Computer Science- student will have to choose one as required due to longer days
-students as 8th graders will be able to do 3 high school credit
-3 blocks, so not enough time in the day to offer both
-Are there ways to integrate computer science skills across the curriculum? Focus on exposure and less on HS credit to prepare them for HS- spanish or CS club
-still planning the classes
-Charlotte has offered to help integrate CS across the grades to help integrate CS with the STREAM initiative.

### B. TWCS

## 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 10:02 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Norcross

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