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Libertas Academy Charter School

Minutes

AAC Meeting

Date and Time
Wednesday October 2, 2019 at 5:00 PM

Location
146 Chestnut Street, Springfield, MA

Committee Members Present
J. Lauren, M. Montero, T. Curtis

Committee Members Absent
None

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

T. Curtis called a meeting of the Academic Achievement Committee Committee of Libertas Academy Charter School to order on Wednesday Oct 2, 2019 at 5:16 PM.

II. Academic Achievement Committee

A. MCAS Results

Accountability Report: Modesto combined the accountability report and the MCAS results in one document for the Board.

The lowest-performing students are making the least amount of growth. After a thorough analysis of the data, the team is thinking through how to better use student groupings, interventions, and reteaching. The team is rethinking through how to look at subgroups. Also, chronic absenteeism is an important measure to be closely monitored throughout the school year. The school will be implementing a more robust framework for monitoring student attendance.

Improved systems and accountability measures are the key takeaways from the data analysis.

Key Takeaways

What we should be celebrating…

1. Showed improvement in the overall percentage of students that performed at the meeting or exceeding expectations category (10% increase in math and 13% in ELA).
2. Performed at the same level as the district (Springfield) in ELA, outperformed the district in math by 13%.
3. Overall, we are making substantial progress towards targets. (Caveat- the targets aren't remarkable.)

Gaps…

1. Chronic absenteeism is a huge area of growth for us and an area that we have not been monitoring as closely as we need to.
2. Our lowest-performing students are making the least amount of growth (high needs and SPED students).
3. Our students are making, across the board, the least amount of growth in ELA. Growth across the board isn't stellar, and since our students are coming to us so far behind, our focus has to be on making dramatic growth.

Shifts and priorities…

1. An aggressive plan around strong attendance rates to include opportunities to buy back days. MM will review attendance data on a weekly basis.
2. We must monitor student achievement data by subgroups on a quarterly basis to ensure growth is happening across all subgroups. We must clearly identify the various subgroups and put in place the appropriate interventions.
3. Greater and more consistent data analysis with interventions to ensure more than typical growth is being made across all subgroups.

B. Libertas Academy Academic Dashboard

A subset of students represented in discipline/suspension data - can we disaggregate this in the dashboard?

Tiffani will work with Modesto to adjust the dashboard to support the reporting out of this data.

C. Scope and Sequence of AAC Meetings for SY 19-20

Report out on:

1. Enrollment numbers (monthly)
2. Discipline (monthly)
3. Achievement data (when available)
4. Attendance (monthly)
6. Student & Staff Retention (monthly)

III. Other Business

A. Long Term Strategic Planning

What are our next steps? Modesto suggests pausing on this now given how many priorities the team is taking on at the school.

Should we begin to have a conversation regarding renewal at this point? This conversation will start in year 4. Maybe there should be contingency conversations at this point.

IV. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

T. Curtis made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
J. Lauren seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

T. Curtis	Aye
M. Montero	Aye
J. Lauren	Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:03 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
T. Curtis