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## Urban Montessori Charter School

### Minutes

#### Academic Oversight Committee Regular Meeting

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##### Date and Time

Tuesday October 13, 2020 at 4:45 PM

##### Location

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Members: Olivia Couch, Jan Faraguna, Hae-Sin Thomas (chair)

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#### **Committee Members Present**

H. Thomas (remote), J. Faraguna (remote), O. Couch (remote)

#### **Committee Members Absent**

*None*

#### **Committee Members who left before the meeting adjourned**

J. Faraguna

#### **Guests Present**

D. Bissonnette (remote), K. Feeney

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### **I. Opening Items**

#### **A. Call the Meeting to Order**

H. Thomas called a meeting of the Academic Oversight Committee of Urban Montessori Charter School to order on Tuesday Oct 13, 2020 at 4:47 PM.

#### **B. Record Attendance**

#### **C. Approve Minutes from September 22, 2020, Academic Oversight Committee Regular Meeting**

J. Faraguna made a motion to approve the minutes from Rescheduled Academic Oversight Committee Regular Meeting on 09-22-20.

H. Thomas seconded the motion.

The committee **VOTED** to approve the motion.

## **II. Academic Oversight**

### **A. Distance to In-Person Learning Decision-Making Protocol**

- Hae-Sin shared draft of phased approach.
- Safety issues - got quote for efficient HVAC system that neutralizes the virus.
- Moving from phase II to phase III is a logistical challenge. Matching challenge for students and teachers.
- Discussed the proposed "Phases" of re-opening.
- Complexities of facilities, testing, and other operational challenges that intensify as we move from each phase to the next.
- Can we be more accommodating than other systems? Both for staff and families?

Next Steps:

- Collect feedback from staff and families
- What else should we be thinking about? other concerns?
- The final document for board approval after feedback after feedback
- Identify kids we would prioritize for phase 2 (How many classrooms needed?)

### **B. Review of Charter Renewal Data - CSDC**

- results okay. when disaggregate, see areas for growth with African American students, Latinx, English Learners
- Some hard data to see
- Do see progress and gains over time for students (cohort data)
- Would like to see longitudinal analysis for cohort of students (e.g., students who enrolled in K and went through 3rd or 5th grade)
- distance from met = average distance from grade level score. want to see this moving up
- English Learners - does that include reclassified students?

J. Faraguna left.

### **C. Review of Beginning-Of-Year Data**

- Daniel presented data
- Attendance -
  - African American/Black and 2+ races have highest absence rates and chronic absence rates.
  - Primary and lower elementary have highest absence rates.
- Seesaw engagement - Snapshot of a week. Comments Primary do expect to be lower because have different assignments. Comments per week does feel low.

This is a snapshot - so would want to see if this data was an anomaly and hard to know how to interpret exactly. Request to see subgroups by level.

- Teachers conference with students each week. Do have data on this but do also have challenges connecting with students.
- NWEA MAP - almost complete data. Fall to fall growth. Seeing high percentage of AA, Els meeting growth in reading. Surprised by high percentage of MS students in lowest quintile for Reading - think likely new to Urban students.
- Use the data to identify students for in-person.
- What additional resources do students need? What is that more? How would you use these?

### **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 6:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
H. Thomas

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