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## Urban Montessori Charter School

### Minutes

#### Academic Oversight Committee Regular Meeting

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**Date and Time**

Tuesday January 12, 2021 at 4:45 PM

**Location**

Join Zoom Meeting

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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*

### **Guests Present**

D. Bissonnette (remote), K. Feeney (remote)

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## **I. Opening Items**

### **A. Record Attendance**

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

H. Thomas called a meeting of the Academic Oversight Committee of Urban Montessori Charter School to order on Tuesday Jan 12, 2021 at 4:50 PM.

### **C. Approve Minutes**

J. Faraguna made a motion to approve the minutes from November Special Academic Oversight Committee Meeting on 11-17-20.

H. Thomas seconded the motion.

The already-approved October Minutes were accidentally included in the agenda packet.

The November minutes, though, were also available online publicly.

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

#### **Roll Call**

O. Couch      Aye

K. Feeney      Abstain

### **Roll Call**

H. Thomas Aye  
D. Bissonnette Abstain  
J. Faraguna Aye

## **II. Academic Oversight**

### **A. UMCS Renewal Planning**

- Hae-Sin shared ACOE review of Yu Ming charter renewal
- Based on AB1505, does the charter fall into low, middle, or high performing? We will be in middle group.
- Can't deny for criteria in 3 - have to notice you and give you time to correct. If don't correct, then can deny.
- 3 schools up for renewal next year. Likely to be told when they'd like us to submit but we can legally submit. Will discuss with ACOE in spring
- Process: submit renewal, site visit, interviews, public hearing, ACOE summary of findings.
- Pretty concise report, data-focused.
- CSCE report should be out soon, more similar performance.

### **B. Monthly Data Review**

- Chronic absence rate: All students 12.63%, AA 19%, Latinx 13%, EL 13.5%
  - improvements
  - AA students about same as last year
  - Themes: many different reasons. some students hard to get in touch with, some don't like being on zoom, attending other daycares (lower levels)
- Actions:
  - Operations team and teachers - calls to families right away to figure out why not attending and try to fix
  - Hae-Sin: staff buddy calls before class to help ensure show up; more proactive/case management strategy
  - Creative work happening to help students engage when struggling with engaging
  - Look at best practices at classrooms with very low chronic absence
- NWEA testing starts next Tuesday - all students
- DIBELS testing started this week - students who needed intensive intervention from round 1
- leadership team has identified data analysis as focus area.
  - Planning PD for teachers
  - DIBELS data - making actionable, leveraging reading specialists

### **C. Distance to In-Person Learning Update**

- board did discuss and approve the protocol in December
- Have new HVAC system
- Can do targeted small group instruction for high-needs students
- Current goal is have some very small groups coming in soon. Have prioritized list. Likely 1-2 hours a week. Thinking about social groups/outdoor play for very small groups too
- Have interested staff member and trying to balance out work responsibilities
- Discussion around vaccines. CA plan here: <https://covid19.ca.gov/vaccines/>

### III. Other Business

#### A. Discuss DRAFT School Plan for Student Achievement

- Due to no LCAP are being required to complete SPSA (usually schools as part of a multi-school LEA need to complete)
- Draft in progress
- Public hearing and then vote to approve in February's full board meeting

### 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 5:57 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
O. Couch

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#### Documents used during the meeting

- 2020\_10\_13\_academic\_oversight\_committee\_regular\_meeting\_minutes (2).pdf
- 01.Yu Ming Renewal FINAL Staff Report.pdf

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