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## Urban Montessori Charter School

### Minutes

#### Academic Oversight Committee Regular Meeting

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##### Date and Time

Tuesday March 16, 2021 at 4:45 PM

##### Location

[UPDATED ON MONDAY 3/15/2021, CORRECTING THE ZOOM INFORMATION FOR TOMORROW]

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

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#### **Committee Members Present**

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

#### **Committee Members Absent**

H. Thomas

#### **Guests Present**

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

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### **I. Opening Items**

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

J. Faraguna called a meeting of the Academic Oversight Committee of Urban Montessori Charter School to order on Tuesday Mar 16, 2021 at 4:52 PM.

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

#### **C. Approve Minutes from February 16th, 2021 Regular Meeting**

O. Couch made a motion to approve the minutes from Olivia Academic Oversight Committee Regular Meeting on 02-16-21.

J. Faraguna seconded the motion.

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

## **II. Academic Oversight**

### **A. Return to In-Person Instruction updates**

- a new round of teacher and family surveys have been conducted
- once this data has been utilized, another survey will be sent with more specific information
- there will not be a start date for a hybrid program yet determined as of this week
- next steps include planning meetings with teacher bands, and time for classroom teachers to unpack their classrooms

### **B. UMCS Renewal Planning**

- Updates from administration meeting with a rep from county
- Goal: to submit earlier rather than later, ideally in June or July
- Backwards planning of documents for renewal has begun

### **C. Monthly Data Review**

- revisited attendance and chronic absenteeism data which shows slight improvement over the last month, generally
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### **D. Distance to In-Person Learning Update**

discussed above in A.

### **E. Discuss: Mandated State Testing**

- Federal government continues to expect mandated state testing
- Will only work on UMCS computers
- Cannot test remotely
- Administration prefers to focus on NWEA
- Large districts and teachers' unions are advocating with the State Board of Education
- CA regulations prohibit schools from soliciting or encouraging a family to opt-out of state tests.
- Test is due to be half the length
- State Board of Education is meeting today about Waiver possibilities
- Will revisit next month

### **F. UMCS SoBEO Report Card draft updates**

- discussed updates to SoBEO report card
- plan to continue to update and use as guide moving forward
- will revisit in April

### **III. Other Business**

#### **A. Discuss 2022-23 LCAP**

- next steps: to finish reflections and draft goal setting
- Academic committee will give it a close read with Questions and Comments before April meeting
- Approval date: June

### **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 6:12 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
J. Faraguna

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