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## Urban Montessori Charter School

### Minutes

#### Academic Oversight Committee Regular Meeting

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**Date and Time**

Tuesday November 9, 2021 at 3:45 PM

**Location**

The committee will meet at school 4551 Steele Street, Oakland, CA 94611.

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Members: Jan Faraguna (chair), Greg Klein

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**Committee Members Present**

G. Klein, J. Faraguna (remote)

**Committee Members Absent**

*None*

**Guests Present**

D. Bissonnette

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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 Nov 9, 2021 at 3:46 PM.

**B. Record Attendance**

**C. Approve Minutes from Prior Meeting**

J. Faraguna made a motion to approve the minutes from Academic Oversight Committee Regular Meeting on 10-12-21.

G. Klein seconded the motion.

No questions or public comment on the minutes.

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

**Roll Call**

G. Klein Aye

J. Faraguna Aye

**D. Vote on updated Committee Calendar and Meeting Time**

Committee discussed whether or not to meet in December.

Jan recommended keeping the meeting in December and make the start time at 3:45pm.

Motion by Jan.

J. Faraguna made a motion to update start times to 3:45pm.

G. Klein seconded the motion.

Committee discussed whether or not to meet in December. Jan recommended keeping the meeting in December.

Daniel mentioned finding a time that work for new committee members. Greg responded that the committee can change its time again in the future if need be.

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

**Roll Call**

G. Klein Aye

J. Faraguna Aye

Jan called for public comments on items not on the agenda.

Parent Nancy Fisher joined and gave comments about concerns with Amethyst class and appreciation for the level of communication in Dolphin class.

**II. Academic Oversight**

**A. Instructional Updates**

Jan shared a presentation on recent NWEA scores -- in the documents section of this agenda.

53% of students scored average or above in math and 63% scored average above in reading. The average test time was about an hour, and very few test administrations with "rapid guessing." Percents are higher than prior spring but lower than the two previous Falls.

36% of students met growth targets in Math from prior Fall. 33% of students met growth targets in Reading from prior Fall.

In Math, students in grades 1-3 are, on average, scoring above average; students in grades 4-6 are scoring average; middle school students are scoring below.

A lower percentage of students of color are scoring proficient in math compared to White students, and a lower percentage hit their Fall-to-Fall growth goals.

The trends were similar in Reading. The committee and public discussed all the data presented, acknowledged our current baseline coming back from school campus closures, and considered what changes Administration might consider with teachers to accelerate student learning.

Daniel shared that the next steps include sharing with teachers teams and levels, and bringing the data into coaching conversations.

Daniel shared that upcoming coaching sessions are reviewing systems of lessons and follow-ups, but also want to bring in more Big Work, and observing one's own classroom.

There was no additional discussion or public comments.

### **III. Closed Session**

#### **A. Closed Session Items**

Tabled.

### **IV. Return to Open Session**

#### **A. Report out of any closed session action(s)**

Tabled.

### **V. Closing Items**

#### **A. Topics for next meeting**

Chronic Absence, attendance data, and any suspension data.

Presentation on Middle School structures, routines, cycles of support, the High School search, roles in leading the school.

#### **B. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
J. Faraguna

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### **Documents used during the meeting**

*None*

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