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## Urban Montessori Charter School

### Minutes

#### Academic Oversight Committee Regular Meeting

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##### Date and Time

Tuesday January 11, 2022 at 3:45 PM

##### Location

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Members: Jan Faraguna (chair), Kara Fortuna, Sarah Morrill

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### **Committee Members Present**

J. Faraguna (remote), K. Fortuna (remote), S. Morrill (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 Jan 11, 2022 at 3:47 PM.

### **B. Record Attendance**

### **C. Approve Minutes from Prior Meeting**

K. Fortuna made a motion to approve the minutes from Academic Oversight Committee Regular Meeting on 12-14-21.

J. Faraguna seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

S. Morrill      Abstain  
K. Fortuna      Aye  
J. Faraguna      Aye

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

No vote needed.

**E. Review of Action/Discussion Items**

None.

**F. Presentations from the Floor**

- Loren: Wondering how school will assess the success of the changes being made in middle school and initial reactions to Amplify.

**G. Vote on Committee Secretary**

J. Faraguna made a motion to Nominate Sarah Morrill to be committee secretary.

K. Fortuna seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

J. Faraguna      Aye  
K. Fortuna      Aye  
S. Morrill      Abstain

**II. Academic Oversight**

**A. Instructional Updates**

- Has been very challenging start of the year with the Omicron surge. About 1/3 staff absent each day. Student daily attendance 75-83% for the first week back from break. Chronic absence rate up to almost 25%.
- Talking with County about options. Working very hard to stay open and not need to make up instructional minutes at the end of the year or spring break.
- Amethyst shift
  - Change is always hard but by day 2 already going much smoother. Daniel in the classroom supporting. Conversations with students going well.
  - Amplify assessments, some hiccups with tech but not disruptive, differentiation for each lesson.
  - Coach Wooten started teaching PE (Welcome!!)
  - Sarah commended and inquired on transparency with students and student agency.

- Social-emotional / well-being -- Panorama survey will be launched within next week or so. Will also launch staff and family versions.
- 1 suspension so far this school year.
- NWEA MAP testing still supposed to start next week. Likely will need longer window due to how many absences each day.

## **B. COVID Updates**

- 5 positive cases from first Monday testing (back from break)- those students did not come to school. 3 additional cases identified.
- Continuing Friday testings but results are taking longer. Trying to procure more tests but expensive and shipping delays.
- Staff have KN95- county has named some will be provided, but no more details.
- End of the month is deadline for vaccine; don't anticipate any disruptions for our students. OUSD may move date out again
- Suggestion from Sarah- ask families to contribute any "extras" rapid tests they may have
- Suggestion from Kara- possibly fundraise for rapid tests
- Encouraged school to reach out for family volunteers to support staffing needs that don't require teaching expertise

## **III. Closing Items**

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

- Request for another update on middle school program
- Curriculum decisions or needs for next year
- Update on NWEA MAP progress

### **B. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 4:38 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
J. Faraguna

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