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## Urban Montessori Charter School

### Minutes

#### Academic Oversight Committee Regular Meeting

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**Date and Time**

Thursday June 15, 2023 at 4:00 PM

**Location**

4551 Steele Street, Oakland, CA 94619. Signage on campus will direct you to the correct room, generally the Sun Room.

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**Committee Members Present**

D. Williams, K. Fortuna

**Committee Members Absent**

*None*

**Guests Present**

D. Bissonnette

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**I. Opening Items**

**A. Call the Meeting to Order**

K. Fortuna called a meeting of the Academic Oversight Committee of Urban Montessori Charter School to order on Thursday Jun 15, 2023 at 4:06 PM.

**B. Record Attendance**

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

**D. Presentations from the Floor**

**E. Vote on Minutes from Prior Meeting**

D. Williams made a motion to approve the minutes from Academic Oversight Committee Regular Meeting on 04-20-23.

K. Fortuna seconded the motion.

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

**II. Academic Oversight**

**A. Instructional Updates**

In the midst of summer 2 of training cohort - a lot of fun. Quickly diving into work, aiming for 18 lessons a day. Exciting for UE to see how it all comes together. Next week the cohort is going to Chicago for Montessori for Social Justice conference.

NWEA Data - Reflections. Elizabeth SLade created a Spring Focus to steer what teachers should focus on for end of the year, by level. Teachers found helpful and we should start the school year with these in place. We are looking at our curriculum map, which aligns Montessori lessons with common core. Looking at ways we can bridge tangible to abstract to support testing. Making time during August PD for teachers to take

NWEA tests to understand context the students are presented with. Looking at year of lesson study focused on math.

Questions: apart from NWEA tests, is there internal way to track progress? If so, how do those numbers differ from NWEA results? Lessons are tracked in Transparent Classroom and Transition checklists. We don't have a good aggregate for the school. Checklist is paperbased; not sure about tools in transparent classroom.

Is NWEA ABAR aligned? No, no tests are. Its a very narrow measure of skills. Not a good test for equity. But, one of the main way our school is evaluated.

SBAC will look similar, based on individual results. SBAC was given 4 months before the end of the school year.

Do we want to continue to do it the way we did this year? Lot of testing.

5th and 6th graders should be moving closer to abstract thinking so their results should be stronger in math - looking at focus on intervention at those levels in extended care.

**B. Board retreat follow up - Role of Academic Oversight Committee**

We need to follow up.

**C. LCAP and Policy Review**

Kara and Donald will review listed policies to determine which policies or which portions of them are relevant to Academic.

We will also review calendar proposals for committee calendar.

**III. Closing Items**

**A. Topics for next meeting**

Policy review.

Possibly state test results.

Retreat follow up

**B. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 4:41 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

K. Fortuna

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