



Academic Affairs Committee Report
November 27, 2017

The Academic Affairs Committee met on Monday, October 16, 2017 at 3 pm. Members of the committee consist of Mr. Matthew Brown (Committee Chair) and Dr. Kathy Granger, both of whom were present at this meeting. Mr. J.J. Lewis, President & CEO, serves as an ex-officio member and secretary, and was also present at this meeting.

Mr. Lewis provided highlights from the Staff Report (the entire Staff Report can be found online, in our Academic Affairs Committee Meeting Packet):

AVID

45 scholars are enrolled in our AVID Elective class. Members of our AVID Site Team have attended numerous trainings to better support our scholars, including training on critical reading and collaborative study groups. Teachers in our Online High School have been incorporating AVID into their classrooms, such as philosophical chairs and the use of Cornell notes.

Counseling Services Workshops

The Counseling Services Department is hosting a number of workshops throughout the month of October. Topics are geared toward either middle school or high school scholars.

Engagement Events

The Engagement Department has scheduled a number of field trips and enrichment activities for scholars throughout the state.

Science Wet Labs

We are hosting synchronous and asynchronous biology, chemistry, and physics labs every month this school year (days, time, and locations to be determined). They will be held in Fresno, Los Angeles and Santa Ana. We currently have 42 scholars enrolled in biology, 15 enrolled in chemistry and 5 enrolled in physics.

Mr. Lewis introduced Ms. Ashley Daugherty and Ms. Kasey Wingate, Scholar Success Coordinators, who led the committee through a presentation of our Response to Intervention (RTI) program.

Mr. Lewis led the committee through a walkthrough of the new StrongMind system, including the Scholar Information System (SIS), Learning Management System (LMS) and Parent / Scholar Portal (PSP).

Mr. Lewis led the committee in a review and discussion on the Academic Affairs Committee charge, which was approved by the Board of Directors at their May 10, 2016 special meeting.

Mr. Lewis walked the committee through the 9th Grade Math Placement Checkpoint Update, which was prepared by Debra Stephan, Counseling Services Manager. The Counseling Services Department performed the 30-day checkpoint for our 9th grade scholars per our 9th Grade Math Placement Policy. The checkpoint resulted in zero (0) scholar course level changes.

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm. The next Academic Affairs Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 18th starting at 3 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mr. Matthew Brown
Board Member &
Academic Affairs
Committee Chair