

Next Generation Charter Schools

Minutes

Education Committee Monthly Call

Date and Time

Wednesday January 20, 2021 at 3:00 PM

Location

<https://metlcs.zoom.us/j/4319772259>

Mission

We prepare our students for college through a rigorous arts-infused program.

Vision

All students will be taught by a highly effective teacher in a nurturing environment and will achieve at high levels. Each student will develop the knowledge, skills and values necessary for responsible citizenship and life-long learning. The impact of our collective efforts will fundamentally change public education.

Committee Members Present

C. Barnes-Watson (remote), E. Chen (remote), J. Boulet (remote), S. Huda (remote)

Committee Members Absent

A. Khatiwada, M. Dorrie

Guests Present

Joi Culler (remote), K. Davidson (remote), Latoya Hart (dashboard) (remote), M. Alston (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

E. Chen called a meeting of the Education Committee of Next Generation Charter Schools to order on Wednesday Jan 20, 2021 at 3:05 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

E. Chen made a motion to approve the minutes from Education Committee Monthly Call on 12-16-20.

J. Boulet seconded the motion.

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

II. Education Updates

A. K - 12 Principal Updates

Shanta, Kurt, and Melissa have been working on family or community programs alignment and design element:

- operations, academic, and culture partner

Melissa to share the programs list

Kurt: decide which and how to prioritize focus on between family and community

Jessi: how these programs will work with the PTA

Kurt: incorporate parent working group; goals this summer to formalize PTA

IA data:

iReady: three x annually (was not impressed with the previous results)

- better data collected, will dive deeper into math outcomes

Jessi: grade 8 seems to be the only cohort going opposite direction (mid year is worse than beginning)

Kurt: quality of teaching is higher than other grades, wonder if it is senioritis

- preparing mindset for everyone that formal standardized tests is still happening -

keeping our standards high - ordered the state test preps

TNTP insight survey: k-12 teachers and family survey

- more participant than previous years

Important metrics:

- teachers believe that the school is a good place to teach and learn: strong agreement

- mixed results in planning and PD

- scholars ability to achieve high academic goals: enough support? capability?

- focus on accountability in leadership

- around the same rate of responses between k-8 and 9-12

CPA instruction assessment:

Ellen: next steps included k-8 consistency in feedback, what about the CPA?

Kurt: created systems and structures that were lacking before; will now keep CPA teachers accountable to track and document - will roll out the tracker (RTI pyramid)

RTI: three tiers/ categories of the student body and intervention

Lesson planning and CPA intellectual preparation

Ellen: is the planning structure similar between k-8 and 9-12?

Kurt: K-8 on intellectual preparation (teachers understanding what they're teaching); CPA had lesson plans, but need to evolve and set the right application (CPA teachers have more prep time)

CPA college metrics: weekly tracker on college application and acceptance and scholarship rates

- turn college acceptance into a big announcement (aside from the metrics): i.e. once provided the sign off to college, provide them with a laptop and a ceremony

III. Next Steps

A. Next Steps

Next steps from the TNTP survey results - review with k-12 development day:

- consistent teacher observation/ feedback experience
- improve PD, partnering with Lavinia
- rigor mindset for teachers

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 4:06 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
E. Chen