APPROVED

Vida Charter School

Minutes

Academic Excellence Committee Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday December 5, 2017 at 4:00 PM

Location
Vida Charter School

Committee Members Present
C. Bowen, F. Dutrisac, M. Davis

Committee Members Absent
None

Committee Members who arrived after the meeting opened
F. Dutrisac, M. Davis

Guests Present
Chloe Ruff, Mary Canedo

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

C. Bowen called a meeting of the Academic Excellence Committee of Vida Charter School to order on Tuesday Dec 5, 2017 at 4:20 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

M. Davis arrived.
F. Dutrisac arrived.
C. Bowen made a motion to approve minutes from the Academic Excellence Committee Meeting on 11-09-17 Academic Excellence Committee Meeting on 11-09-17.
F. Dutrisac seconded the motion.

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

II. Academic Excellence

A. Ms. Davis will give a brief update and introduce Mary Canedo

B. Induction program for new teachers at VIDA

Mary Canedo presented the details of VIDA's induction program for new teachers. Ms. Canedo leads this program
with professional efficiency, expertise, and effectiveness ....and enjoys it immensely! We thanked her for time spent mentoring and monitoring this program. She provided us access to the requirements and "map" of the program so we
could see the specifics of all that is entailed.

III. Other Business

A. Continue Work on finalizing Professional Community Assessment/Survey

Ms. Canedo asked if she could stay for the remainder of the meeting. She then asked if she could speak to 2 issues:
1) need for Responsive Classroom training 2) need for Social Studies curriculum, possibly National Geographic's "Ladders"
which is available in Spanish.
Ms. Davis wanted to inform and discuss the need to Improve/develop 6th grade curriculum so as to retain students in 5th
grade. She presented some very robust ideas for STEM .....Invigorating and inspiring conversation!

Since the meeting began late, our discussion for the survey was pushed back, unfortunately. We will continue to work on
it.

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 5:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
C. Bowen
The meeting lasted until 5:30.