

## **Academic Committee Meeting**

**January 4, 2018, 5:00 PM**

**ReNEW Early Childhood Center, McNair Campus, 1607 S. Carrollton Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70118**

**Call to Order, Agenda Reviewed, Roig to take minutes, attendance taken**

**Attendees:** Randy Roig, Brian Weimer, Stephen Rosenthal, Kathleen Edmundson, Pauline Parquet, Mykell Clem, Kevin Gutterrez (CEO), Sean Gallagher (Chief of Schools)

- A. Call to order
- B. Dr. Roig will take minutes.
- C. Randy Roig moved that we admit Kathleen Edmundson as a member of the committee. Brian Weimer seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.
- D. Motion to approve the minutes by Brian Weimer. Second by Kathleen Edmundson. All in favor.
- E. Testing methods

Discussed that plans for previous academic meetings were scuttled in favor of bringing all issues to the full board given the importance of data to be presented.

Sean: Leap360 assessment. Unfortunately, state is not always timely in providing the testing.

Stephen: We need consistent assessments to allow comparison. Discussed that math and ELA should be available. Mr. Rosenthal did want a call with the department to discuss obtaining these testing instruments in a timely fashion. Mr. Rosenthal was emphatic that we do not have a switch in assessments. Mr. Rosenthal felt that the instrument is good. We must assure that assessment delivery is timely.

We did review 2017-18 Benchmark Assessment Index. Benchmark #1 (August) is a ReNEW designed assessment. #2 (October) is also a ReNEW designed assessment. #3 is the state benchmark.

We discussed curriculum possibilities. We discussed importance of leadership. We discussed the importance of professional development. We discussed the importance of testing culture.

Ms. Clem asked about implementation of the testing format to resemble what will be seen on the state benchmark. Dr. Roig discussed the importance of students being prepared for the testing format by repetitive testing.

Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Gutterrez discussed plans to implement the curriculum changes.

Mr. Weimer discussed the importance of maintaining academic standards at the turnover/closing schools of RCAA and MCPA.

- F. School turnovers. Ms. Clem discussed plan for students at MCP. Mr. Rosenthal discussed the plans of OPSB for the buildings, including possible operators.
- G. Future meetings. The members all discussed future possible dates for the meeting, which we would like to occur soon, to review comparative data.

- H. Discussed special education. Mr. Guitierrez will have a follow-up call. We were assured that special education is within compliance. We discussed have Beth and Nancy providing follow-up. Request was made for Emily to contact them to ask them to discuss a possible report to the board. Kevin will interact with the department.
- I. Adjourn: Mr. Brian Weimer moved to adjourn. Mr. Stephen Rosenthal provided a second. Everyone was in favor.