

THE ACADEMY ACADEMIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday, March 9, 2015

4:00PM – 5:00PM

Attendees: Deborah Vandell, Nicole Washington, Anthony Saba (Absent- Sandi Jackson)

1. Approval of Minutes – February 9, 2015

A motion was made by Anthony Saba, seconded by Elim Kay. Approved.

2. Earlier Start to School Year

Anthony Saba discussed moving the start of the school year 2 weeks earlier, highlighting potential benefits to students having more prep time for testing in the Spring. Deborah Vandell moved that the Academic Committee should endorse the earlier start to the school year.

3. Admissions Policy for Juniors and Seniors

Anthony Saba discussed with the Committee the potential for an admissions policy regarding Juniors and Seniors at The Academy

4. Hiring and Teacher Salary Update

Anthony Saba discussed hiring needs across all core subjects at The Academy. He also discussed the need to get Academy teachers up to a competitive salary level with SAUSD teachers.

5. Academy Scorecard

The Committee discussed possible metrics to add to the Scorecard. Nicole Washington proposed multiple versions of the Scorecard for multiple, varied audiences. Committee discussed the need to separate the financial and academic portions of the Scorecard.

6. Longitudinal Study

The Committee discussed the necessities for a longitudinal study of Academy students. Deborah Vandell volunteered to put together a budget for the study, and suggested the possibility of working to seek grants for this research.

7. Update on Mentor and Internship Programs

Nicole Washington updated the Committee on the mentorship and internship programs at the Academy; updates included the addition of internships at Microsemi and Edwards, and support

for a design curriculum from LCAD. She also discussed the need for finding engaging speakers for the lunchtime mentorship speaking series.