

Meeting began 12 Noon

Present

Sara Struhs, Sarah Waltman, Brenda Robertson, Joel Medley, Marcia Simmons, Chris Withrow

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the EOC/EOG data per the PowerPoint slides created by the academic team.

Mrs. Struhs welcomed all and presented the framework for the meeting.

Dr. Medley provided a brief introduction, proceeded to present the elementary scores and explained that in some instances we exceeded the state in reading. He further provided the context of comparing our scores to Durham County Schools; it was used because the office of charter schools will use it for comparison purposes. He recognized that our math scores were below our expectations, some of which could be attributed to employee turnover this year.

Mrs. Struhs inquired what our plans were for improvement. Dr. Medley shared we are adding an additional academic administrator, having three would provide for better oversight and communication in the disciplines. He further explained the use of new programs that will be used which target specific learning deficiencies.

Mrs. Simmons provided a brief explanation of the middle and high school data, noting that we now have a benchmark to work with. She was proud that more than 95 percent of our students took the required state tests. She expressed that we need to provide additional preparation regarding how to answer gridded responses in the test. Some of our attribution for low math scores would include middle school students taking high school math and not being prepared for that level. Unfortunately, the first year we relied on the transcript of the student to determine the math level they should take. Moving forward we will have concrete data to work with and we will require middle school students take Pre-Algebra before qualifying for high school math.

Mrs. Robertson inquired how various test preparation/tutorial programs were selected, Dr. Medley provide a cost comparison of the programs for the committees review and would NCVA participate in the Duke TIP program? Dr. Medley explained the academic team made the decisions, and he would provide that data as soon as it is available regarding the cost. Duke University recently recognized us a school; now we will apply to participate in the program.

Mrs. Struhs summarized the committee meeting, thanked everyone for their participation and closed at 1:10 PM.