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NCVA Academic Committee Meeting Thursday, February, 15, 2018, 5:00 PM
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Agenda

- Call to Order
- Administrative Withdrawals
- First Semester High School End of Course [EOC] Results discussion
- Adjourn

Minutes

Committee Members Present		Non-Voting Members in Attendance
Sara Struhs	Brenda Robertson	Joel Medley, HOS
Steve Moody	Walter Martin	Deanna Mullins, K12
		Mary Beth Mechalske, NCVA
		Melissa Tijerina, NCVA
		Gina Little, K12
		Marcia Simmons, K12
		Chris Withrow, Executive Director
		Jill Curtis, L12

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Sara Struhs called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM.

I. Discussion Items

- a) Dr. Medley presented information regarding the appeal of two withdrawals of students, elaborating on the mitigations utilized in an effort to avoid this process. Unfortunately, the attempts were unsuccessful, therefore the school moved forward with the withdrawal.

The committee agreed to uphold the withdrawals and recommends the board confirm the withdrawals at its next meeting.

- b) Mrs. Marcia Simmons presented the committee with data regarding the Biology and English 2 End of Course [EOC] test results for the first semester of our high school students.
 - a. Students who do not take the EOC test their score will be counted as non-proficient in the overall calculations.
 - b. Providing a comparison between the 1st semester of the previous year with the current year showed gains regarding academic progress, with substantial gains noted with English 2.
 - c. Participation rates, including sub-groups was imparted noting that our overall participation rate for testing exceeded the 95% threshold required by the State Department of Instruction.
 - d. Data was given to the reasons for students not taking the test which included, medical issues, withdrawal, unknown and failure to report to makeup day.
 - e. Data regarding our Family Academic Support Team [FAST] was presented comparing how students scored, Level 1 or 2, to the data which showed the students had truancy issues and failure to complete assignments.
 - f. Mrs. Simmons showed the committee how our school is closing the gap in Biology and English 2 compared to the established goals.
 - g. A summary of new and/or modified strategies was presented which supported the growth, including additional staff, additional class connections which included whole group and small group instruction, and extra remediation assignments utilizing USA Test Prep and Summit.
 - h. A listing of “bubble” students was presented showing a comparison between class grade and state proficiency testing.
 - i. The school will administer the ACT test on February 27 and a make-up day scheduled for March 20, 2018 if needed.

Members of the committee asked clarifying questions to ensure understanding of the material presented. Dr. Steve Moody expressed concern for the new policy which penalizes schools for students not participating in the EOC and EOG tests. He noted that small schools or small subgroups would be affected more severely compared to large school districts and primarily charter school comprise a larger proportion of small school districts.

II. ADJOURNMENT

With all business concluded Mrs. Sara Struhs made a motion to adjourn the meeting, it was properly seconded by Mr. Walter Martin, the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned – 6:07 PM
Next Scheduled Meeting – TBD