PCCS Board of Directors,
Approved Academics Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday August 16, 2022 @ 6:00PM
Wright School House/Library
1571 Jones Point Rd
Grayslake, Il. 60030

Committee members present: Abe Janis, Terri Boettcher (via phone for the first 30 minutes), Gabi White, Stacey White, Nell Anen

Staff present: Tony Zamiar

Public present: Jenny Diehl, Jim Mertz, Andrew VanDeWeghe, Rebecca VanDeWeghe

Call to Order  
6:02pm  
Abe Janis

Public Comment
Rebecca VanDeWeghe - Comprehensive sexual health act - do not feel comfortable with the new standards
Andrew VanDeWeghe - Urge to not adopt the new standards, do not need to create any further ambiguity
Jenny Diehl - We also need more information relating to CRT. Erin’s law some of the messages were missed within some of the elementary documents

Discussion Items
1. Transition of Academics Committee
   a. Matt Earl will be taking over the committee once Abe Janis leaves the board.
   b. Nell will serve as an interim until Matt is up to speed
2. FY23 Committee Topics to be Addressed
   a. Curriculum vetting - language arts - new features that need updated
      i. Updated review of what the teams are looking at relating to curriculum
   b. How can we integrate environmental curriculum in the classroom
   c. Erin’s Law - mandates versus implementation
   d. Appreciates structures for getting data 2 times per year
   e. Continue to discuss the faculty and staff rebuilding
   f. High school transfer of information updates annually
   g. Fine arts update
      i. There are 9 specials in the classroom per week
      1. There are 6 for younger grades
      2. Upper grades have a little less due to Spanish
3. Spring to Fall Assessments
   a. Student Achievement Report Review
      i. NWEA is taken 3 times per year.
      ii. Charter authorizers will compare scores to other area schools
      iii. State is not looking at 2020, no longer published
iv. Accommodations are made for IEP
v. Sub groups are reviewed for other area improvements
vi. Look at bottom 35% for interventions
vii. MAP is below expected for reading
viii. Math achievement and growth are showing positively
ix. Professional growth helping with ELA materials
   1. Including the information on better integration
x. Tier 3 are where there is intensive intervention
xi. K-4 are now on the same ELA curriculum
xii. Continue to assess tutoring needs
xiii. CLC offers some enrichment classes now at the 5th grade level
xiv. Looking at the 9-12 grade standards for supporting advanced students

4. Faculty and Staff Rebuilding
   a. Theme is rebuilding - it's time
   b. A large amount of attrition did happen
   c. There 3 IAs missing but all other positions are filled - these are in the upper grades
   d. Trying out co-teaching in 6th grade
   e. New PE teacher was hired to support full school

5. Comprehensive Personal Health and Safety and Sexual Health Education Act
   a. Public Act clean version
   b. Changes Marked
   c. In or Opt Out Status
      i. We have not adopted the curriculum for this year.
      ii. Need to discuss what is mandated versus what we can do
      iii. Do not know if we will be able to opt out going forward
      iv. Parents and families have the option to opt out
      v. Currently have human reproduction - growth and deployment - Robert Crown presentations: 5, 7 (all done last year due to COVID)

Action Items
   No Action Items Scheduled for this Meeting

New Business
   None

Adjourn
   A motion to adjourn was submitted by Nell Anen and seconded by Gabi White
   Meeting adjourned at 7 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Gabi White