

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Academic Committee

These minutes are a brief summary of the events of the meeting.

Date:	Start	End	Next Meeting:	Next time:	Prepared by:
8/14/2018	5:00	6:30 pm	9/11/2018		Pam Spalla
Meeting Location:					

Attended by:	
Pamela Spalla Chad Mote Marie Davis Katrina Brinker Tabitha Shroud	
Highlights:	

All members in attendance were present at the School Leadership Team (SLT) meeting that took place immediately before this committee meeting. Many items discussed by the Academic Committee are extensions of discussions in SLT.

Chad Mote shared assessment data (MAP and Milestone) with the SLT. Detailed information was given to all grade level chairs to aid in analysis and planning for the upcoming year. (This was a scheduled agenda item in AC and did not need to be repeated.)

MAP testing will begin later this month.

There was an initial discussion in SLT about homework. This has also been brought up by AC and parents can expect to hear about possible changes in school practice when it comes to assigning and grading homework.

Before AC, the preconference meeting was held with Ms. Brinker for the LKES process (evaluative). She needs to complete her self-assessment and write goals before the process can be completed. This led into AC and a discussion about the role IB plays in our charter.

No one on staff has current certification for IB. Only 2 teachers have any training, and that was done more than 5 years ago and is no longer current. In order to continue our IB certification, a large cost would be incurred to complete required training of staff. Tabitha Shroud has been talking with the IB people and is researching cost and process. This led to the discussion of; if not IB, then what? Language immersion pros and cons were discussed. It was determined that this is really an issue for the Board to pursue.

Bylaws were reviewed to make sure we were in compliance when looking at expanding the committee. Ms. Brinker will look at getting some teachers to act as advisory members of the AC.

Future meetings will be held immediately after SLTs (2nd Tuesday of the month).