

## **COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

### **Committee: YHALE Academic Committee**

*Meeting need not be verbatim. These minutes are a brief summary of the events of the meeting.*

| <b>Date:</b>  | <b>Start</b> | <b>End</b> | <b>Next Meeting:</b>  | <b>Next time:</b> | <b>Prepared by:</b> |
|---|--------------|------------|---|-------------------|---------------------|
| 2/20/25   | 6:40pm       | 7:47pm     | 3/27/25   | 6:30pm            | Lyn Carden          |
| <b>Meeting Location:</b>  |              |            |   |                   |                     |
| Virtual   |              |            |   |                   |                     |
| <b>Attended by:</b>   |              |            |   |                   |                     |
| Liza Park<br>Tomiko Park<br>Anthony Chung<br>Ami Hastings<br>Yelena Kim |              |            | Lyn Carden<br>Connie Le<br>Terry Haywood<br>Cara Gallardo<br>Soyoung Kwon |                   |                     |
| <b>Highlights:</b>  |              |            |   |                   |                     |

### **CALL TO ORDER – 6:40pm**

#### **I. Committee Updates – No updates**

#### **II. Middle School Planning**

- Mr. Chung reported that the school had begun to plan for middle school field trips.
  - i. 7<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Washington, DC
  - ii. 8<sup>th</sup> grade Asian trip after graduation
  - iii. He noted that the school intends to bring educational experiences that align with the vision of the school.
  - iv. The committee discussed the 6<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Kennesaw
- Teams –
  - i. Ms. Carden provided an update on requested policies
  - ii. Ms. Park noted that the school will need to consider insurance
  - iii. The committee discussed soccer team interest
  - iv. They discussed the age groups being offered

#### **III. Target Language –**

- Ms. Le reported that K-2 was performing well in mid-year assessments.
- Mr. Chung notified the committee that the school was in the process of adopting a plan to add grades 3-5 to STAMP, he is evaluating if the timing of testing will work for those students as well as the cost.
- The school will continue 6-7 grades.

#### **IV. Curriculum & Academic Development**

- Early Literacy Committee Update – Ms. Le reported
  - i. Presented plan for the 25-26 school year
    - 1. Instructional materials
    - 2. Bench marking
    - 3. Screeners

4. Interventions – Maybe investigation additional MTSS framework platforms
5. Professional Learning (10 courses), teachers have already started it
6. Teacher preparation
  - a. She suggested 2 people have the Dyslexia Endorsement
7. She discussed the bench mark curriculum
  - a. She reported on the curriculum Benchmark presentation
8. She discussed the importance of the curriculum meeting the needs for all YHALE students
  - a. She discussed closing the gaps
9. She reviewed the program structure
10. The school is continuing to review other options
11. The committee discussed the difference between Benchmark Workshop and Benchmark Advanced.
12. They discussed the curriculum currently at the school.
13. She reported on next steps.
14. Mr. Chung requested the committee keep in mind the grade level the school has to ensure the curriculum extends through k-5/k-8.
15. Ms. T. Park pointed out they just started a new middle school curriculum.
16. They discussed the new state requirements
17. Ms. Haywood discussed collaboration and continuity. They discussed feedback from the middle school teachers regarding current curriculum.
18. Ms. Gallardo reported on ELV
19. Hey discussed the presentation from Benchmark
20. They discussed the cost
21. They discussed interventions for students with gaps
22. Ms. Kwon said that she liked Benchmark and that she felt it had a lot of things for intervention and support and emphasis decoding skills in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grader
23. Ms. Gallardo discussed some of the advantage of Benchmark Curriculum
24. Ms. T. Park discussed the science of reading
25. Ms. L. Park asked about cost and grade bands
26. They discussed changes in middle school curriculum offering
27. Ms. L. Park requested that the literacy committee investigate if there are options that goes K-8 and requested a cost breakdown by grade band offering.
28. The committee discussed Amplify k-5

## V. Special Events

- Lunar New Year is complete and went well.
- This Sunday Open House (2/23), it's the last one
- Spring Picture Day is coming up
- The next major special event is Children's Day in May

## VI. Reporting Update

- Lottery Update – Ms. T. Park provided a lottery update.
  - i. She reported on a recent Lotteries training she participated in and planning for lottery
- Re-enrollment is going well she reported on current re-enrollment
- G-kid Mid-year assessment due – She discussed the kindergarten, finished screening in the fall now we are gearing up to ensure we have the end of the year data in April 24<sup>th</sup>.
- They discussed EIP classrooms size and pull-out CAP

## VII. Old Business – No old business

**VIII. New Business**

- FY24 CPF Results – Ms. Carden discussed previous reviews of the report.
- FY26 Committee Goals -Ms. Carden requested the committee review the goals and bring it back next year
- Mr. Chung reported on protocol for supporting the school during cold weather

**IX. Next Meeting Date March 27, 2025 at 6:30pm**

**ADJOURNMENT – 7:47pm**