

## **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>
4/20/26	6:34pm		5/28/26	6:30pm	Lyn Carden
<b>Meeting Location:</b>					
YHALE					
<b>Attended by:</b>					
Liza Park Tomiko Park Maya Jenkins Anthony Chung Ji Ma Terry Haywood			Cara Gallardo		
<b>Highlights:</b>					

#### **CALL TO ORDER – 6:34pm**

- I. Committee Updates – No updates**
- II. Accreditation – Ms. T. Park provided a report.**
  - She had her initial meeting with the accreditation organization and met the school’s consultant.
  - She reported on the artifacts required for accreditation and discussed outstanding items.
- III. Middle School Planning – Ms. T. Park reported**
  - She discussed scheduling for FY27.
  - She discussed 8<sup>th</sup> grade planning and algebra. She recommended waiting for the milestone scores before determining placement. She discussed placement options for parents and students. She talked about progress monitoring of students through the grades for math placement.
  - The committee discussed parent communication, grades and academic consequences.
- IV. Target Language – Ms. Ma presented**
  - STEM test scheduled as is the post language proficiency test.
  - Ms. Ma has presented a new Chinese language curriculum to the school leadership for consideration.
  - The committee discussed the timing of the language proficiency test and benchmark testing.
  - They discussed the timing of the language proficiency test results.
  - Ms. Ma reported on the time line of the language proficiency screening test and the number of student participating.
    - i. The committee discussed the challenges of the test.
  - She discussed work she was doing to have YHALE as a PSAT testing site.
    - i. The committee talked about alternate sites for the test and timing of the PSAT test.

- Dr. Mark Lansky, the foreign language coordinator from the Ga. Department of Education will be visiting the school in May.

**V. Curriculum & Academic Development**

- Year one HMH curriculum implementation assessment – Ms. Gallardo presented
  - i. She reviewed historic data around the schools curriculum and the reasons for change and selection.
  - ii. She talked about her evaluation of teachers integration and alignment of the new curriculum
  - iii. She discussed teacher reviews of the curriculum.
    1. She noted engagement and rigor
  - iv. She talked about the technology integration
  - v. She presented MAP testing results.
  - vi. She discussed next steps and plans for the next school year.
  - vii. Ms. Jenkins discussed the challenges with the curriculum and opportunities for next year.
- The committee discussed the science of ELA.

**VI. Reporting Update – No update**

**VII. Old Business**

- Milestones Update – The committee received a milestones update.

**VIII. New Business**

- Post Planning – The committee discussed post planning

**IX. Next Meeting Date May 28, 2026 at 6:30pm**

**ADJOURNMENT**