

Academics Committee Meeting
The Board of Trustees
Finn Academy: An Elmira Charter School
610 Lake Street Elmira, New York 14901

March 4th 2021
4:00pm

Present: *Maya, Cynthia, Lynn, Katie S, Jeremy, Theresa, Karen Kutty*

Purpose:

- 1. To ensure the academics program is aligned with the mission vision and priorities of the organization.*
- 2. To ensure the academics program is continuously improving; and, meeting the rigor and goals as expected by the Board of Trustees.*
- 3. To communicate directly to the BOT updates and progress related to Finn Academy's Academic Program.*

Meeting Activities

Welcome and Overview:

Data Report:

- Review winter NWEA data- grade level norm, projected growth targets
- NYSE mock tests (Data Mate)

Jeremy provided tabulated data for both NWEA tests taken by scholars in early February and the NYSE mock state test data taken in Jan/Feb. The committee reviewed growth from fall to winter in Math and ELA and compared NWEA projected proficiencies with mock test projections. Math projections continue to be very concerning. ELA projections appear to be improving for some grade levels, but concerning for 3rd grade. The committee also discussed the possible impacts of remote instruction on these scores as well as the challenges of remote testing for those scholars still in remote learning situations.

Curriculum and Instruction Report Updates:

- PD focus in February Math Focus CGI-Description and proposal is ready
- Cooperative Learning Institute begin summer- Description and proposal is ready
- Go Math Licensing through next year. They will be releasing a 2.0 version

Jeremy provided two proposals for the committee to review for recommendation for board approval at the next board meeting.

At Risk (interventions/SPED) Program Report:

- RTI- Meetings update and forms/documentation (system)

Theresa shared the RTI form used by teachers to gather information in preparations for RTI meetins.

Outcomes and Assessment Report:

- Update on 2021 NYSE

Finn scholars will take the NY State tests this spring. These tests will not be used for accountability. These tests may be shorter than usual and may be delayed this year.

Action Items:

1. What are the key items to prepare for Strategic Planning?
2. Next meeting Date: **4.15.21 4PM**