



## Minutes

### Academic Excellence Committee

Thursday, September 12, 2019 @ 1:00 pm

2323 W. Parkside Lane, Phoenix, AZ 85027

Adams Traditional Academy • Jefferson Preparatory • Choice Services LLC

#### **Board Members Present**

David Weston, Lisa Fink

#### **Board Members Absent**

#### **Guests Present**

Audra Wilson-Smith, Tawnya Mecham, Ashley Schorer, Stacy Smith

### **I. Academic Oversight**

#### **A. AzMerit scores**

The scores were not available at this date.

#### **B. SLO Review**

More data needs to be collected to assess the change in the calculation of the SLO scores. At the next meeting, data from the past three years will be analyzed.

#### **C. Spanish 1 high school credit**

Research needs to be conducted to determine if the credits can be attributed to ATA versus JP.

#### **D. Civics test given in 8th grade**

The current statute does not prohibit 8th grade students from taking the civics test. The AZ Department of Education allows schools to give it to 8th graders to fulfill the high school requirement to pass the civics test. More information will be presented at the next meeting.

#### **E. Teacher evaluation frequency**

Formal teacher evaluations will be provided at least once a year for teachers who have received an effective or highly effective rating at Choice Academies' schools for three years in a row. The intent is to provide more frequent informal evaluations for teachers which provide more timely feedback.

This is in alignment of ARS 15-537 Section G and a "Employee Rights ~ A summary of Arizona Law for Teachers".

G. The governing board may waive the requirement of a second classroom observation for a continuing teacher whose teaching performance based on the first classroom observation places the teacher in one of the two highest performance classifications for the current school year, unless the teacher requests a second observation. "Districts can waive the second observation for effective or highly effective teachers with continuing status, but they do not have to do so."

#### **F. Board Goals**

Audra Wilson-Smith will be meeting with the principals and will present goals at the next board meeting.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.