



Minutes

Academic Excellence Committee

Thursday, November 14, 2019 @ 9:00 am

2323 W. Parkside Lane, Phoenix, AZ 85027

Adams Traditional Academy • Jefferson Preparatory • Choice Services LLC

Board Members Present

Lisa Fink, David Weston

Board Members Absent

Guests Present

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

I. Academic Oversight

A. SLO Review

Administration will proceed with the current structure of the SLO's. There will be ongoing research on potential assessments for future use.

B. 7th/8th grade Latin and other foreign languages

ATA administration has communicated that there is a desire from site council members to change 7th/8th grade instruction for foreign language. The board approved curriculum is "Latin will be taught from grades 2-6; Latin will be offered at grades 7-8 along with foreign languages." Site Council wanted to change the charter to teach Spanish only in 7 and 8th grades. The Academic Excellence Committee did not agree to change the charter at all.

ATA administration discovered that Book C for Latin instruction is not being taught in 7th grade. Professional development and resources including lesson plans from previous Latin instruction and from a piloted curriculum at JP will be provided to admin and teachers.

Research confirms that Latin contributes to achieving Choice Academies' mission of a back-to-basics education, strong foundation of knowledge, teaching critical thinking and being nationally competitive.

ATA administration will explain to the site council the research, resources and professional development to maintain the current language instruction in alignment with the charter as written.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.