

# Academy Online High School

## School Accountability Committee (SAC)

12/8/2016 9:00 am



### Agenda

Welcome and Introductions

Present: Elisa, Karen, Keisha, and Nathan

#### Updates

- District Accountability Committee (DAC) (Elisa)
- The Village
- Extended Studies
- ACCESS Program
- DAC Budget Priorities
- External Review Write-up
- School Performance Framework Appeal
- Bond/Innovation Center Update

-Elisa shared about the work being done by the DAC. Obviously, the DAC was very excited about the passing of the bond and the impact on students in the district. The group recently completed the accreditation review process for all schools in the district. This process is really an accountability process to ensure alignment between the site plan, unified improvement plan, and other assessment data.

- We are enrolling students for 2<sup>nd</sup> semesters. There has been significant interest from families recently. We may lose 4/5 students, but anticipate adding 5-10. Students are wrapping up first semester courses and are overall in pretty good shape academically.

-New course proposals: Individual Projects and Career Explorations and Internships. Individual Projects will allow us to offer high interest elective opportunities that include a culminating experience. Some examples of courses include Pop-Up Restaurant, Music Composition, etc. The Career Explorations is for juniors as they start the Internship process.

-Ms. Reynolds will be going on maternity leave in late February/early March and we will be looking for a long term substitute.

-The Extended Studies program has 8 courses during 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. (Fairytale and Myth in Film and Fiction; Mythology; Accounting 1; Global Health & Wellness; Civics & Law; International Relations; US History; ACT/SAT Math)

-The Access program has the highest turnover of any of our programs at the end of each semester. Students tend to think online learning will be easier and then quickly realize the challenges presented in this environment.

-DAC Priorities (see attached)

-External Review findings (see attached)

-Our School performance framework designation was “improvement.” When I began to dig into the data, something didn’t add up. We realized that we were held to the elementary standard in each category instead of the high school standard. (which is lower) At the high school standard, we are on a performance plan. We have formally appealed with the state and are waiting to hear the state’s response.

-Our community voted to approve the bond in November. This is great news for the future of our school. We have started to meet to discuss this facility. The thinking right now is a home for Academy Calvert, Home School Academy, our school, and Challenger Learning Center. The district owns land at Black Forest Road and Research Parkway. They plan to build a K-12 campus and the ILC would be on the same campus. The budget for this project is \$12 million. The group was concerned that the space and location of the center may not be big enough and that the location is not ideal. The parent

	group may communicate with district leaders about the decision making and if it is an option to be located closer to industry partners and/or other schools.
Open discussion	
Next Meeting: February 23 at 9:00 am?	
<b>Additional Information</b>	