

## **Academic committee met on Wednesday, Nov. 13.**

### **Present:**

Sean Stalling  
Steve Gering  
Ernestine Key  
Bill Patterson  
Phillip Adam

### **Agenda**

- Review timing/next steps for Commission meeting and Charter renewal
- Review APR performance
- Discuss attendance/grading policy
- Discuss strategy to attract high quality teachers

### **Charter Renewal**

- The portrait of a DeLaSalle Graduate and other materials for the Charter Renewal application will be completed by Friday, Nov. 15
- Sean will forward drafts to his leadership team and to the Board of Directors on 11/15
- Comments will be discussed at the board meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 20. Bill will ask Steven Anthony to add as an agenda item
- Board members and the DLS leadership team will be asked to review and make edits to the narrative by Friday, Nov. 22
- Sean will forward the finished draft to Martha from the MCPSC the week of Nov. 25
- The Commission will host a public hearing at DeLaSalle on December 12 at 6pm, following by a Board interview at approximately 7pm

### **APR Performance**

- DeLaSalle made significant progress in the 2023-24 school year, as reflected in the scorecard
- However, DLS and other schools (and now members of the Academic Committee) have concerns about the methodology employed by DESE in calculating scores.
- The Committee will ask that the Board send a letter to DESE requesting clarity. This will be a discussion item for the 11/20 board meeting.

## **Attendance Policy**

- Student attendance is excellent, but DLS would like to raise the bar
- The new standards will require students to miss no more than 26 days per year (85 percent attendance).
- Students who fall below this standard will receive an "Incomplete" grade until they make up the schoolwork they missed.
- The new policy will take effect second semester of the current school year.
- Sean will share the new policy with the Board on 11/20.

## **Teacher Recruitment**

- DeLaSalle will launch a national search for high performing teachers with the goal of attracting the very best instructors for the 2025-26 school year
- DeLaSalle plans to use funds from a Kauffman Foundation grant and other funds to attract teachers from across the country
- Additional details will be discussed in closed session at the 11/20 Board meeting

## **Action Items for Board Meeting**

Bill Patterson will contact Steven Anthony to place the following on the 11/20 Board agenda:

- Charter renewal documents (comments/feedback session from Board)
- APR performance
- Attendance policy
- Teacher recruitment (closed session personnel discussion)