

Ascension Catholic Academy Board
Academic Committee Meeting Agenda
1/28/21
9:15-10:30 (Zoom)

Committee Charge: Ensure ACA leadership and staff have the resources and are focused on meeting the academic and holistic needs of our scholars as we move beyond data and look at the conditions for learning to happen.

- I. Prayer
- II. Check-In and Introduction of Kevin Bennett: ACA Chief Equity and Impact Officer
- III. What do we mean by Academic Equity?

Essential Question: How do we develop a spirit and sense of mindfulness in ourselves and staff around race, equity and justice that can assist us in being better allies, educators and better support the communities that we serve?

- a. How can we make this an essential part of our daily walk?
- b. How do we lead with compassion and partner as we assist in support of each child's deepening engagement in learning?
- c. Teacher Development to elevate voice, choice and agency in scholars and families.

IV. Grounding in Instructional Vision

We believe that excellent instruction empowers the ACA community to deliver on our guiding principles, and happens when ALL scholars have access to four key resources:

- 1. Consistent opportunities to work on grade appropriate assignments. **(Providing the resources to elevate the voice, choice and agency of scholars)**
- 2. Strong instruction, where scholars do most of the thinking and acting in a lesson, **(Elevating the voice of scholars)**
- 3. Deep scholar engagement in what they're learning. **(Elevating the choice of scholars)**
- 4. Teachers who hold high expectations for scholars and believe they can learn at high levels. **(Elevating the Agency in scholars).**

V. ANet Professional Development 1/29/2021 - [Advancing Equity and impact](#)

VI. Next Meeting: Defining Equitable Protocols for the ACA Academic Committee