

Education Committee Meeting
September 9, 2014
Academic Excellence Online School Update

"Academic Excellence Online School's Evolution"

September 13, 2013	ISD 709 starts MDE online learning provider application process
October----2013	ISD 709 joins the MN Partnership for Collaborative Curriculum
January---- 2014	"Academic Excellence Online" is chosen as school name
February 18, 2014	Final copy of MDE online learning provider application is submitted
February 28, 2014	MDE attaches ISD 709 curriculum issues to AEO. Application process slows
March 3, 2014	AEO curriculum work is ordered by MDE (ALC staff begins this work)
March 18, 2014	AEO builds own website= (a live website is required in the application process)
April 21, 2014	MDE accepts the AEO application as complete
May 29, 2014	AEO passes onsite review- given "informal" approval
August 12, 2014	AEO <i>FINALLY</i> receives official MDE approval letter
August 20, 2014	AEO School is given a location for teachers to work collaboratively (ALC staff)
September 2, 2014	ISD 709 meets with advertising firm to develop marketing strategy
September 8, 2014	AEO is announced in ISD 709 news
September 9, 2014	Infinite Campus and phone system issues resolved for AEO enrollments

***Next steps: Develop an efficient enrollment, communication, and record keeping system; MDE application for middle level programming; application for NCAA approval; continue MPCC partnership; facilitation of AEO's place in ISD 709**

***Immediate questions/needs moving forward: Marketing plan execution? Establishing a budget? Developing teacher training; Furnishing and setting up AEO room? ...**

AEO would welcome an opportunity to present to this committee, in more detail, examples of teacher course work, our vision and mission, and how we differ from other online providers.