



MCCPS Board of Trustees

Academic Excellence Committee Meeting

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Date and Time

Wednesday January 15, 2020 at 7:30 AM EST

Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
I. Opening Items			7:30 AM
Opening Items			
A. Record Attendance and Guests		Jessica Xiarhos	
Record Attendance			
B. Call the Meeting to Order		Jessica Xiarhos	
C. Approve Minutes from 1/08/20	Vote	Jessica Xiarhos	5 m
II. Academic Excellence Committee			7:35 AM
Academic Excellence Committee			
A. CON'T - Summary and Key Takeaways from visit to Francis Parker Essential Charter School	Discuss	Jessica Xiarhos	50 m
B. Dissemination of Academic Excellence to Staff	Discuss	Jessica Xiarhos	15 m
Success/improvement of roll-out with Math/Science Department			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Triangulation and analysis of data points by grade-level teams -Sharing out vision of "Academic Excellence" to staff - "What does a graduate look like?" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -grade level and department teams to answer by December break 			

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- Grade-book analysis?			

C. Parent Recruitment to Committee	Discuss	Jessica Xiarhos	5 m
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Interested parents? Any parents we can specifically reach out to?

D. Update on December's Action Items	Discuss		10 m
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Jessica to ask IA teacher to join Ac Ex, research frameworks of "What a Graduate looks like?"

Peter to reach out to other schools to set up visits in the new year.

Talk to Judith about curating independent school applications.

Kim to reach out to public schools.

Meg to continue to have conversations with families.

III. Closing Items

8:55 AM

A. Action Items	FYI	Jessica Xiarhos	5 m
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B. Adjourn Meeting	Vote		
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Coversheet

Approve Minutes from 1/08/20

Section: I. Opening Items
Item: C. Approve Minutes from 1/08/20
Purpose: Vote
Submitted by:
Related Material:
2020_01_08_academic_excellence_committee_committee_meeting_minutes-2.pdf

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Minutes

Academic Excellence Committee Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday January 8, 2020 at 7:30 AM

Location

17 Lime Street- Treehouse

Committee Members Present

Ellen Lodgen, Jessica Xiarhos, Kimberly Sullivan, Matt Cronin, Michael Condon, Peter Cohen, William Sullivan

Committee Members Absent

Emily Westhoven

Guests Present

Meg Upton

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Jessica Xiarhos called a meeting of the Academic Excellence Committee committee of MCCPS Board of Trustees to order on Wednesday Jan 8, 2020 @ 7:35 AM at 17 Lime Street- Treehouse.

C. Approve Minutes from 12/11/19

Kimberly Sullivan made a motion to approve the minutes from 12/11/19. Academic Excellence Committee Committee Meeting on 12-11-19

Matt Cronin seconded the motion.

The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Academic Excellence Committee

A. Summary and Key Takeaways from visit to Francis Parker Essential Charter School Overview of Parker

- grade 7-12, 400 students, reformed military base
- one of the first Charter schools, Essential school
- on location Teacher Prep program partnered with Fitchburg State
- "the Parker Way" - Common Principles of Essential Schools
- combination of classroom visits, Parker 101, meeting with students to discuss portfolios, met with Dean of Academics
- 3 Divisions, start and end day in Advisory, 4 blocks - Arts and Humanities; Math, Science and Technology; Spanish; and Wellness
- Wednesday early dismissal, end the day with extended Advisory, then teacher meetings: faculty meetings, Division meetings, Critical Friends Group
- Gateway (promotion) to the next division. If students show mastery in a domain, they can advance early, if they need more time, they can stay up to an extra year

Consider:

No grades - "report card narratives"

Common Practices (of Essential Charter Schools)

Criteria for Excellence

Habits of Learning

Divisions (4+5, 6+7, 8)

Not for Us:

Limited Art/Music

Lenient rules on gum/eating/hats/phones in class

Student use of teachers' first names

B. Dissemination of Academic Excellence to Staff

C. Parent Recruitment to Committee

D. Update on December's Action Items

III. Closing Items

A. Action Items

Next Meeting- January 15th @7:30

B. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Xiarhos