



MCCPS Board of Trustees

Academic Excellence Committee Meeting

Amended on March 31, 2020 at 9:07 PM EDT

Date and Time

Wednesday April 1, 2020 at 9:30 AM EDT

Location

Jessica Xiarhos is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: MCCPS Academic Excellence Committee Meeting

Time: Apr 1, 2020 09:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 191 581 548

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Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
I. Opening Items			9:30 AM
Opening Items			
A. Record Attendance and Guests		Jessica Xiarhos	
Record Attendance			
B. Call the Meeting to Order		Jessica Xiarhos	
C. Approve Minutes from 3/4/20	Vote	Jessica Xiarhos	5 m
D. Accept Remote Participation	Vote	Jessica Xiarhos	3 m
In light of the ongoing COVID-19 coronavirus outbreak, Governor Baker issued an emergency Order on March 12, 2020, allowing public bodies greater flexibility in utilizing technology in the conduct of meetings under the Open Meeting Law. This committee makes a motion to accept this Executive Order for this meeting of the Academic Excellence Committee, on April 1, 2020.			
II. Academic Excellence Committee			9:38 AM
Academic Excellence Committee			
A. Dissemination of Academic Excellence to Staff - Update	Discuss	Matt Cronin	20 m
Department Teams -			
MCCPS' Criteria for Excellence			
-Math/Science?			
-Humanities?			

-IA?

B. Timeline Discuss Jessica Xiarhos 20 m

What are our next steps? What is the timeline for those things? Setting a goal date for timeline (when will have a timeline by?)

What does formation of Task Forces mean for us?
 Looking at specific steps on the "pathway" to Academic Excellence.
 Next year goal? 3 years? 5 years?

C. Project Based Learning Discuss Jessica Xiarhos 10 m

How can we align MCCPS' Criteria of Excellence to PBL?
 What can we do to standardize PBL across grade levels/departments?

III. Closing Items **10:28 AM**

A. Action Items FYI Jessica Xiarhos 5 m

B. Adjourn Meeting Vote

Cover Sheet

Approve Minutes from 3/4/20

Section: I. Opening Items
Item: C. Approve Minutes from 3/4/20
Purpose: Vote
Submitted by:
Related Material:
2020_03_04_academic_excellence_committee_committee_meeting_minutes.pdf

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Minutes

Academic Excellence Committee Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday March 4, 2020 at 7:30 AM

Committee Members Present

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

Committee Members Absent

Emily Westhoven

Guests Present

Meg Upton, Sarah Plymate

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 Mar 4, 2020 @ 7:34 AM.

C. Approve Minutes from 2/5/20

No Quorum last meeting. No need to approve minutes.

II. Academic Excellence Committee

A. Dissemination of Academic Excellence to Staff - Update

Humanities and Math Science are the only departments that have met. IA hasn't met, and it will be unique in that teachers are a bit isolated.

Math/Science - Standards for Mathematical Practices, Parker,

Humanities - "wrapping their brains around the activity" - top-down or bottom-up?

Foreign Language shouldn't be an add on.

We should have a time to look at this as a whole teaching staff- still needs to be uniform in design

How should the document look - Venn diagram? Bullet list? Web?
Target Categories- break it out by grade level?

Where do Essential Habits fit? - smaller working group?

Staff evaluates their projects against the rubrics/essential habits.

Shifting us back to true value of project based learning- teaching kids resilience to fail and try again. We need a more standardized/consistent view of **process** over product.

Anatomy of an Exhibition project. Formatting of the night. Students introduce the project. Questions for parents in program to ask students. Parents given information before the night of?

Organization/Executive Functioning

Entry points for parents into the Exhibition projects. - (Step-up day?)

B. Timeline

Peter - Ongoing for the next year and a half. Target share out June 2021, implement September 2021.

At the end of a 5-year program, students will be able to...
Looking to better align and track student growth.

III. Closing Items

A. Action Items

Humanities teacher to join Academic Excellence -
Jessica to attend next Humanities department meeting -
Foreign Language to go to Humanities meeting when Humanities is further along

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

Documents used during the meeting

- 2020_02_05_academic_excellence_committee_committee_meeting_minutes.pdf