



MCCPS Board of Trustees

Academic Excellence Committee Meeting

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Date and Time

Friday August 28, 2020 at 7:30 AM EDT

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82913159414?pwd=OXcyUlpLeVQxKzd3cGF2dTNhTXpodz09>

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. 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 August 5, 2020.			
D. Approve Minutes from 8/5/20	Vote	Jessica Xiarhos	5 m
II. Academic Excellence Committee			7:38 AM

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
Academic Excellence Committee			
A. Review Draft Criteria	Discuss		20 m
Review drafted Criteria for Excellence in Science, ELA, Music, Health/Wellness			
Updates on Global Studies, Foreign Language, Art			
Link to Google Drive with all Drafts			
B. Implementation of Criteria for Excellence Documents in Remote Learning	Discuss		20 m
Review suggested plan for completing Criteria for Excellence in Art, Foreign Language, Global Studies			
Layers to using the documents ...			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PD for Staff on how to implement • Redesigning in-person curriculum and aligning with PBL • Then again redesigning for remote learning • How do we reach all learners? • Aligning student - teacher - parent expectations at different grade levels • How do we replicate what we do - keeping the same level of rigor - in a remote setting? 			
C. Next Steps	Discuss	Jessica Xiarhos	10 m
Deciding on an action plan for ...			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sharing Criteria for Excellence with the community, teachers • PD for how to use the document in person and remotely • aligning with projects/reworking curriculum 			
III. Closing Items			8:28 AM
A. Action Items	FYI	Jessica Xiarhos	5 m
Next Meeting - September 25 @ 7:30			
-meetings to be moved to morning of 4th Friday of every month			
B. Adjourn Meeting	Vote		

Cover Sheet

Approve Minutes from 8/5/20

Section: I. Opening Items
Item: D. Approve Minutes from 8/5/20
Purpose: Vote
Submitted by:
Related Material:
2020_08_05_academic_excellence_committee_committee_meeting_minutes.pdf

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Minutes

Academic Excellence Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday August 5, 2020 at 8:30 AM

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Committee Members Present

Ellen Lodgen (remote), Jessica Xiarhos (remote), Kimberly Sullivan (remote), Matt Cronin (remote), Peter Cohen (remote)

Committee Members Absent

None

Guests Present

Meg Upton (remote), Molly Wright (remote)

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 Aug 5, 2020 @ 8:33 AM.

C. Accept Remote Participation

Ellen Lodgen made a motion to Accept Remote Participation.

Kimberly Sullivan seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Jessica Xiarhos Aye

Molly Wright Aye

Ellen Lodgen	Aye
Kimberly Sullivan	Aye
Meg Upton	Aye
Matt Cronin	Aye
Peter Cohen	Aye
Sarah Plymate Ragozin	Absent

D. Approve Minutes from 7/1/20

Matt Cronin made a motion to approve the minutes from July 1, 2020 Academic Excellence Committee Meeting on 07-01-20.

Ellen Lodgen seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Molly Wright	Aye
Peter Cohen	Aye
Matt Cronin	Aye
Meg Upton	Aye
Kimberly Sullivan	Aye
Ellen Lodgen	Aye
Sarah Plymate Ragozin	Absent
Jessica Xiarhos	Aye

II. Academic Excellence Committee

A. Review Draft Criteria

Meeting with Staff - put out a call to people who were around to revise/create Criteria in their subject/domain

- Global Studies still in draft form, looked at several iterations.
- No response from Art, Foreign Language.
- Jojo partially on board with Health/Wellness, but nothing PE specific.
- Some subjects have begun aligning to curriculum units.
- Going into the fall - using this to figure out what is essential; as a way to communicate with students/parents expectations.
- Molly - Looking at it through the lease of students - Could students pull work out of a portfolio that demonstrates certain skills? How are students reflecting about this?
- Looking to student acing - voice/choice
- Likely we'll find some revisions when in use

Level of language in the document -

- Lots of high-level teacher jargon
- What will this look like going forward
- Need a common understanding among staff
- Aligning our work to these documents
- Wording can't be too vague - too wide a gap in understanding, won't be useful

Alignment to Portfolio -

- Pick and choose "goals", start small

B. Implementation of Criteria for Excellence Documents in Remote Learning

C. Next Steps

When do we take "Draft" off -

- Committee reviews it
- HoS, Principal, Department Chairs
- Bring to Departments

PD -

- give time for Art, PE, World Languages
- others start aligning units

III. Closing Items

A. Action Items

Jessica to put documents into Academic Excellence Committee Board level folder on Board on Track

B. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jessica Xiarhos

Documents used during the meeting

- 2020_07_01_academic_excellence_committee_committee_meeting_minutes-2.pdf
- Copy of Math Criteria Draft - April 9, 2020.pdf
- DRAFT - MCCPS Criteria for Excellence.pdf
- Draft Criteria for Success_ Science - .pdf
- ELA Criteria - Draft .pdf
- Global Studies Criteria Draft - July 14, 2020.pdf
- Health and Wellness Criteria for Success *DRAFT*.pdf
- Music Criteria Draft - July_August 2020.pdf
- Proposed Schedule for MCCPS Criteria for Excellence.pdf