



# MCCPS Board of Trustees

## Academic Excellence Committee Meeting

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### Date and Time

Monday March 29, 2021 at 7:30 AM EDT

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<https://marbleheadcharter.zoom.us/j/85414341015>

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### Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
<b>I. Opening Items</b>			<b>7:30 AM</b>
Opening Items			
<b>A. Record Attendance and Guests</b>		Jessica Xiarhos	
Record Attendance			
<b>B. Call the Meeting to Order</b>		Jessica Xiarhos	
<b>C. Accept Remote Participation</b>	Vote	Jessica Xiarhos	3 m
In light of the ongoing COVID-19 coronavirus outbreak, Governor Baker issued an <a href="#">emergency Order</a> 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 March 29, 2021.			
<b>D. Approve Minutes from 03/01/21</b>	Approve Minutes	Jessica Xiarhos	5 m
<b>II. Academic Excellence Committee</b>			<b>7:38 AM</b>
Academic Excellence Committee			
<b>A. Update on Draft Criteria</b>	Discuss		10 m
Review Updates to Criteria for Excellence			

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Global studies Update</li> <li>• Art update - Matt?</li> </ul>			
Link to Drive with Criteria: <a href="https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1xGBP4V5QtjKtG0ggZCcfV5nqUJLC01t?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1xGBP4V5QtjKtG0ggZCcfV5nqUJLC01t?usp=sharing</a>			
<b>B. Next Steps - Website?</b> Sharing Criteria out via website	Discuss	Jessica Xiarhos	30 m
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Working on an action plan for ...			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• sharing Criteria for Excellence with the community, teachers, parents, students</li> <li>• PD for how to use the document in person and remotely</li> <li>• aligning with projects/reworking curriculum</li> <li>• overlaps with TeachForce</li> </ul>			
How does the Assessment Validation Protocol fit in? Weekly department meetings - using Math/Science as trial run for sharing out lessons/tasks/assignments for certain standards on the Criteria by grade level.			
<b>C. Accessibility of Document for Students and Parents</b>	Discuss		10 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aligning student - teacher - parent expectations at different grade levels</li> </ul>			
<b>III. Closing Items</b>			<b>8:28 AM</b>
<b>A. Action Items</b>	FYI	Jessica Xiarhos	2 m
<b>Next Meeting - Monday, April 26th @ 7:30 - To be changed? 1st day returning from April vacation?</b>			
<b>B. Adjourn Meeting</b>	Vote		

# Coversheet

## Approve Minutes from 03/01/21

**Section:** I. Opening Items  
**Item:** D. Approve Minutes from 03/01/21  
**Purpose:** Approve Minutes  
**Submitted by:**  
**Related Material:** Minutes for Academic Excellence Committee Meeting on March 1, 2021



## MCCPS Board of Trustees

### Minutes

#### Academic Excellence Committee Meeting

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**Date and Time**

Monday March 1, 2021 at 7:30 AM

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**Committee Members Present**

Ellen Lodgen (remote), Jessica Xiarhos (remote), Kimberly Sullivan (remote), Matt Cronin (remote), Meg Upton (remote)

**Committee Members Absent**

Molly Wright, Sarah Plymate Ragozin

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**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 Monday Mar 1, 2021 at 7:36 AM.

**C. Accept Remote Participation**

Jessica Xiarhos made a motion to 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 March 1, 2021.

Ellen Lodgen seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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

**D. Approve Minutes from 1/25/21**

Kimberly Sullivan made a motion to approve the minutes from January 25, 2021 Academic Excellence Committee Meeting on 01-25-21.

Meg Upton seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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

**II. Academic Excellence Committee**

**A. Update on Draft Criteria**

Looking over the Global Studies for formatting alignment with the other subjects

Art - combining new state standards (more specific) and National Art Standards (more broad)

**B. Next Steps - Website?**

Website - "Learning at MCCPS"

- Criteria for Excellence - section on website with Exhibition and Essential Habits
- From Website: "To help guide our learning and projects, teachers created a set of critical skills and understandings that we want students to demonstrate at Marblehead Charter. We call these skills and understandings the Criteria for

Excellence. Using these Criteria, teachers align their units, projects, and assessment to these skills. Then students produce connected work and evaluate their progress of these Criteria over their five years at Marblehead Charter. It is another way for us to emphasize that learning isn't just a moment-to-moment event but something that students cultivate over the years."

Balance of information on the website

- "What you do read without scrolling, make sure it stands out."
- Videos - For example, having Ellen talk about Math/Science in the Upper grades, teacher + student talking about what they're learning, Math/Science in action
- Keeping grade spans - 4/5 and 6/7/8
- Moving beyond placeholder blurb.

### **C. Accessibility of Document for Students and Parents**

## **III. Closing Items**

### **A. Action Items**

Jessica will send out Google Doc with all criteria - Art

Next meeting pushed to March 29th @ 7:30 am.

### **B. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jessica Xiarhos

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## **Documents used during the meeting**

- 2021\_01\_25\_academic\_excellence\_committee\_meeting\_minutes.pdf