



MCCPS Board of Trustees

Academic Excellence Committee Meeting

Published on November 2, 2022 at 2:42 PM EDT

Date and Time

Friday November 4, 2022 at 2:45 PM EDT

Location

MCCPS, Classroom 6 Gold

If you need to meet via Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/91470763657?pwd=cjJ0MVZYWWsyb3I5VWZoNlVQb1BDZz09>

Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
I. Opening Items			2:45 PM
Opening Items			
A. Record Attendance and Guests		Jessica Xiarhos	
Record Attendance			
B. Call the Meeting to Order		Jessica Xiarhos	
C. Approve Minutes from 08/26/22	Approve Minutes	Jessica Xiarhos	5 m
D. Approve Minutes from 10/14/22	Approve Minutes	Jessica Xiarhos	5 m
II. Academic Excellence Committee			2:55 PM
Academic Excellence Committee			

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
A. LiftLearning Presentation Debrief	FYI	Jessica Xiarhos	10 m

Debrief presentation from Joey Lee from LiftLearning

B. Criteria Update from Departments	Discuss	Jessica Xiarhos	15 m
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Current progress on aligning Criteria to Units, Unit Planning, "One-Sheeters", Criteria Spreadsheets. Next steps?

C. MCAS Board Presentation - Upcoming	Discuss	Jessica Xiarhos	25 m
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We are currently waiting on scaled scores. Matt will likely present at the next Board meeting.

- Measure of Metrics
- Questions to Ask
- Data to be collecting/looking at
- What data is going to tell us which questions to ask?
- SEL vs. Academic Scores
- What priority does MCAS take in regards to other data points?

III. Closing Items

3:45 PM

A. Action Items	FYI	Jessica Xiarhos	2 m
B. Adjourn Meeting	Vote		

Coversheet

Approve Minutes from 08/26/22

Section: I. Opening Items
Item: C. Approve Minutes from 08/26/22
Purpose: Approve Minutes
Submitted by:
Related Material: Minutes for Academic Excellence Committee Meeting on August 26, 2022



MCCPS Board of Trustees

Minutes

Academic Excellence Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Friday August 26, 2022 at 2:45 PM

Location

17 Lime Street, Marblehead, MA 01945

If you need to meet via Zoom: <https://marbleheadcharter.zoom.us/j/85414341015>

Committee Members Present

Ellen Lodgen, Jessica Xiarhos, Kimberly Sullivan, Matt Cronin, Meg Upton, Molly Wright, Peter Cohen

Committee Members Absent

Elizabeth Burns

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 Friday Aug 26, 2022 at 2:53 PM.

C. Approve Minutes from 06/10/22

Kimberly Sullivan made a motion to approve the minutes from Academic Excellence Committee Meeting on 06-10-22.

Matt Cronin seconded the motion.

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

II. Academic Excellence Committee

A. Criteria Update - Global Studies

Jess and Molly over the summer made edits to the Global Studies criteria proposed by Megan Hale. The new criteria have been disseminated out to the faculty. Changes were mostly in the area of refusing redundancy

Jessica Xiarhos made a motion to to accept the new Global Studies as is to the final MCCPS Criteria for Excellence.

Ellen Lodgen seconded the motion.

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

B. Summer Work Update

Matt, Jessica, Molly, Ellen went through unit design over the summer, either aligning old units to the Criteria or creating new units. Sample units were produced for the faculty, both as a guide, but also to help frame the process for new teachers.

Portfolios to be a huge push to fill in gaps connecting work to Criteria. Deliberate use of Criteria as part of portfolios the focus.

Looking toward Student-Led Conferences.

C. MCAS Board Presentation - Upcoming

Waiting on Scaled Scores, have raw data.

Hard to draw comparisons with inconsistencies in the test.

Smaller sample size leads to more variability.

Expecting to see the scores show impact of pandemic.

D. Next Step - Reporting on Progress (Summer Update)

III. Closing Items

A. Action Items

- Jessica to add a footer to front page of Criteria saying "revised on..."; Index; page numbers
- Essential Habits page to be added by Jessica

B. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 3:49 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jessica Xiarhos

Coversheet

Approve Minutes from 10/14/22

Section: I. Opening Items
Item: D. Approve Minutes from 10/14/22
Purpose: Approve Minutes
Submitted by:
Related Material:
Minutes for Academic Excellence Committee Meeting on October 14, 2022



MCCPS Board of Trustees

Minutes

Academic Excellence Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Friday October 14, 2022 at 2:45 PM

Location

MCCPS - Classroom 6 Gold

If you need to meet via Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/91470763657?pwd=cjJ0MVZYWWsyb3I5VWZoNlVQblBDZz09>

Committee Members Present

Elizabeth Burns, Jessica Xiarhos, Matt Cronin, Meg Upton, Peter Cohen

Committee Members Absent

Ellen Lodgen, Kimberly Sullivan, Molly Wright

Guests Present

nmguerin@gmail.com

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 Friday Oct 14, 2022 at 2:51 PM.

C. Approve Minutes from 08/26/22

II. Academic Excellence Committee

A. LiftLearning Presentation

Joey from LiftLearning

- MCCPS is turning to a focus on Portfolio assessment
- Lift Learning has a similar origin story
- Began in VT
- focus on portfolios showed student autonomy, agency, engagement
- Built for Project Based, Competency based; built for a learner led environment
- MCCPS looking to make Portfolio learning more consistent (overall, grade-level to grade-level)
- LiftLearning helps guide the transition to the platform as well.
- LL helping to move away from an education system for a civilization that no longer exists
- Could take up to two years to actually implement program (building projects, PD, asynchronous videos for teachers on how to build projects, assessment, etc.), LL meets schools where they are at (local culture dominates - align with a school's Strategic Plan)
- Classes have projects, projects have steps, steps have assessments
 - "Evidence" assignments, artifact
 - Assessment competencies and skills come from the school (Criteria for Excellence)
 - All through "I can..." statements at different levels
- Cloud based library for projects
- **Learners should be cocreators of their experiences** - LMS built with this in mind (Students have all of the same tech tools as teachers)
- "In a competency based model, learning does not happen just from 8 - 2:30" - learners can submit artifacts to portfolios from their life outside of school (internships, classes, etc.)
- Combined Portfolio
- In the process of creating an overarching library that can be accessed by all teachers
- Projects can be archived - and specifically to competency portfolios
- For students - what's due and when?
- Any form or size of file (audio, text, video) can be uploaded as evidence
- 3 progressions in feedback cycle - in progress, under review, completed
- Portfolio shows learner journey - not just artifacts at "Mastery"
- Parent Portal view only

- Timing for Onboarding?
 - Comes down to culture - teacher resistance to new initiatives (another thing); teacher readiness with projects
 - Interest, Comfort level, teacher-led/traditional/industrial vs. student-led
 - Someone grading multiple choice questions would have a hard time with Lift
 - What percentage of teachers would be open to this?
 - Backfill with culture and capacity
 - Readiness assessment for teachers
 - Transparency with our values to the community
 - Programs offered by Lift to bridge the gap
 - Schoology as a tool might influence the way the teacher teaches/thinks
 - For example: teachers building two project in January - June for implementation in 2023-2024
 - **Technology drives instructional design**
 - "Different by design"

B. Criteria Update from Departments

C. MCAS Board Presentation - Upcoming

III. Closing Items

A. Action Items

Peter to reach out to Joey Lee from Lift Learning re: other school we could speak to, demo to click around in, export work from Portfolio?

B. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 3:56 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jessica Xiarhos

Documents used during the meeting

None