



MCCPS Board of Trustees

Academic Excellence Committee Meeting

Published on December 7, 2022 at 10:00 AM EST

Date and Time

Friday December 9, 2022 at 2:45 PM EST

Location

MCCPS - 6 Gold

If you need to meet via Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/91470763657?pwd=clJ0MVZYYWsyb3I5VWZoNlVQb1BDZz09>

Agenda

| | Purpose | Presenter | Time |
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| 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 10/14/22 | Approve Minutes | Jessica Xiarhos | 5 m |
| D. Approve Minutes from 11/04/22 | Approve Minutes | Jessica Xiarhos | 5 m |

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II. Academic Excellence Committee**2:55 PM**

Academic Excellence Committee

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| A. Criteria Update from Departments | Discuss | Jessica Xiarhos | 5 m |
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Current progress on aligning Criteria to Units, Unit Planning, "One-Sheeters", Criteria Spreadsheets. Next steps?

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| B. Goals of the Academic Excellence Committee for the Strategic Plan | Discuss | Jessica Xiarhos | 30 m |
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| C. MCAS Board Presentation - Debrief | FYI | Jessica Xiarhos | 5 m |
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Thank you to Matt Cronin for an excellent presentation to the Board on the MCAS results.

III. Closing Items**3:35 PM**

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

Approve Minutes from 10/14/22

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

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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

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Committee Members Present

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

Committee Members Absent

Ellen Lodgen, Kimberly Sullivan, Molly Wright

Guests Present

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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 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 cocreatorrs 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

Coversheet

Approve Minutes from 11/04/22

Section: I. Opening Items
Item: D. Approve Minutes from 11/04/22
Purpose: Approve Minutes
Submitted by:
Related Material:
Minutes for Academic Excellence Committee Meeting on November 4, 2022

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MCCPS Board of Trustees

Minutes

Academic Excellence Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Friday November 4, 2022 at 2:45 PM

Location

MCCPS, Classroom 6 Gold

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Committee Members Present

Elizabeth Burns, Ellen Lodgen, Jessica Xiarhos, Kimberly Sullivan, Matt Cronin, Meg Upton, Molly Wright

Committee Members Absent

Peter Cohen

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Jessica Xiarhos called a meeting of the Academic Excellence Committee of MCCPS Board of Trustees to order on Friday Nov 4, 2022 at 2:51 PM.

C. Approve Minutes from 08/26/22

Matt Cronin made a motion to approve the minutes from Academic Excellence Committee Meeting on 08-26-22.

Kimberly Sullivan seconded the motion.

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

D.

Approve Minutes from 10/14/22

II. Academic Excellence Committee

A. LiftLearning Presentation Debrief

How have we vetted this program?

- How many schools using this resource?
- Tech issues they have?
- How established?
- Will they last in the long run or is this just a start up that's going to "come and go"
- Practically does it do what we need to do?
- Specifics on how we connected with this program?

B. Criteria Update from Departments

Humanities

- did not meet this week due to 1/2 day
- last week there was a great conversation around different units and sharing the units
- We are working on plugging in Criteria for each unit for each grade level in the spreadsheet.
- Parking Lot for Criteria changes - changes to speaking/listening, executive functioning
 - Yearly Thoughtful Revision

Math/Science

- 5th and 6th have presented Units
- Using spreadsheet might help fill out section on Criteria in Unit plan

Student Led Conferences

- Instructional Leadership Team (ILT)
- Sturbridge Charter hosted a PD, attended by Matt & Molly. Sturbridge has shared some resources.
- Staltonstall - student, parent, teacher - goal setting
- ILP, MAP Goals, MyWay
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C. MCAS Board Presentation - Upcoming

MCAS Presentation from the State:

- Broad strokes
- Math slightly up state wide
- ELA way down state wide
- Chronic Absenteeism up %138
- Cohorts changing school wide constantly

III. Closing Items

A.

Action Items

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B. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 3:48 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jessica Xiarhos

Documents used during the meeting

None