



## MCCPS Board of Trustees

### Minutes

#### Academic Excellence Committee Meeting

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**Date and Time**

Friday December 9, 2022 at 2:45 PM

**Location**

MCCPS - 6 Gold

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If you need to meet via Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/91470763657?pwd=cjJ0MVZYWWsyb3l5VWZoNlVQb1BDZz09>

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**Committee Members Present**

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

**Committee Members Absent**

Elizabeth Burns, Kimberly Sullivan

**Committee Members who arrived after the meeting opened**

Peter Cohen

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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 Dec 9, 2022 at 2:50 PM.

**C. Approve Minutes from 10/14/22**

Meg Upton made a motion to approve the minutes from Academic Excellence Committee Meeting on 10-14-22.

Matt Cronin seconded the motion.

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

#### **D. Approve Minutes from 11/04/22**

Molly Wright made a motion to approve the minutes from Academic Excellence Committee Meeting on 11-04-22.

Ellen Lodgen seconded the motion.

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

### **II. Academic Excellence Committee**

#### **A. Criteria Update from Departments**

Lack of updates due to Thanksgiving, Exhibition, and Grades/Report Card Comments.

Looking toward Validation Protocol with emphasis on Criteria. Half day in January to be focused on this area.

Peter Cohen arrived at 2:57 PM.

#### **B. Goals of the Academic Excellence Committee for the Strategic Plan**

Goals of this Committee for the next 3 - 5 years

- Grading
- Criteria - continuously editing, connecting to curriculum, unit plans
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- Development of Portfolios
  - Passage portfolios/Graduation portfolios?
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- Student Led Conferences
- Predictable Reviews of new curriculum - a timeline so there aren't new curriculums in the same year
- Learning Platform System
- PBL + CSL
- MCAS and counterpoints? (Standardized Test Prep? Standardized ASSESSMENT Preparation?) ASSESSMENT Prep? Ensure success on MCAS without teaching to the test?)
  - make sure that it's reinforcing what we value
- Measuring Student Progress
  - MCAS
  - Criteria
  - How do we best report on progress?
- Innovation

1. Assessment and Assessment Reporting
2. Engaging and Rigorous Curriculum

#### **C. MCAS Board Presentation - Debrief**

Kudos to MAtt for a well received presentation. (And a small kudos to DESE for transparency on the current standardized testing climate).

### **III. Closing Items**

#### **A.**

### **Action Items**

Jessica to bring Goals to Strategic Plan committee.

### **B. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jessica Xiarhos

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### **Documents used during the meeting**

*None*