



MCCPS Board of Trustees

Minutes

Academic Excellence Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday September 4, 2019 at 7:30 AM

Committee Members Present

Ellen Lodgen, Jessica Xiarhos, Kimberly Sullivan, Matt Cronin, Michael Condon, William Sullivan

Committee Members Absent

Emily Westhoven

Committee Members who arrived after the meeting opened

Ellen Lodgen

Guests Present

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 Committee of MCCPS Board of Trustees to order on Wednesday Sep 4, 2019 at 7:34 AM.

C. Introductions

II. Academic Excellence Committee

A. Vision Statement, Communication, Goals

How do we use iXL, how do the students benefit,

What is successful- grades, curriculum, self-assessments at Exhibition, portfolios, teacher development

Use MCAS and iXL data, and also evaluate for PBL/Essential Habits.

The Charter Renewal

Is it reliable data from Exhibition projects? Historically- validation protocol

Talking about Exhibition ready- are the students experts, not just reading the poster. Are we raising the bar as we get to the upper-grade levels. Are we assessing consistently? Consistent rubric? Common language? Continuum through the grade levels/subjects?

Validation Protocol-

Projects vs. Project-Based Learning, Process vs. Product, the kids who know the material/ kids who can "make it pretty"

Formal process for reflection?

Can students explain how they learned?

Community to provide feedback? Satisfaction surveys bring up community connection. Kids sitting down with parents and portfolio.

Question for survey- Do you get the impression of your child's learning? Reword Exhibition question to be big picture, not night-specific. Parents not engaging with other children.

Explicitly tell parents during Exhibition to go engage with other students. Serving food could be impacting space and engagement. Stop serving at a specific time. More mobile food options.

Final Capstone/Portfolio

Jessica to email Sean/Paul for Final Vision Statement from Feb/March, so as to tie goals/expectation to vision. Board meeting from jumping in feet first.

Need feedback from teachers so trust exists. CSL good example of

B. Update on District Measure of Learning & Progress

Ellen Lodgen arrived.

iXL- staff training on 9/13. Diagnostic, corrective measures for Math and ELA

Visibility to parents- roll-out, Bill to reach out to iXL to see what other schools have done, communication out to parents, parents at Charter because there's not a focus on testing. Visibility through students seeing their own progress.

Back to School night- expectation for home use.

How do we evaluate this program in its entirety?

C. Data Points

III. Other Business

A. New Meeting Dates

Meetings will remain on the first Wednesday of the month.

IV. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Xiarhos

Jessica Xiarhos made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Kimberly Sullivan seconded the motion.

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