



## MCCPS Board of Trustees

### Minutes

#### Academic Excellence Committee Meeting

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**Date and Time**

Wednesday October 2, 2019 at 7:30 AM

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**Committee Members Present**

Ellen Lodgen, Jessica Xiarhos, Kimberly Sullivan, Matt Cronin, Peter Cohen

**Committee Members Absent**

Michael Condon, William Sullivan

**Guests Present**

Artie Sullivan

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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 Wednesday Oct 2, 2019 at 7:34 AM.

**C. Approve Minutes from 9/4/19**

Ellen Lodgen made a motion to Approve the minutes as-is from the September monthly meeting.

Kimberly Sullivan seconded the motion.

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

## II. Academic Excellence Committee

### A. Vision Statement, Communication, Goals

Vision- not proposing changes at this time. Now what? Disseminated to faculty?  
Community? Students?

Site visit- Vision statement becomes integral part of Oct. 23 meeting.

Essential Habits- how do you bring them more to the forefront as opposed to just evaluating students at the end of the month. Are they in classrooms? Are students reflecting/targeting a specific habit/reflecting? Are we goal setting with students about these? People can speak generally but no specifics.

Big Idea- How do we/are we assess the quality of our program and how is it being communicated out?

Board education- MCAS, DESE by February

Vision in place, now how do we create a "clear road map"

Our vision of academic excellence is different than in other schools. Moving away from academics, towards integrated projects.

Turnover in staff requires training

First step- uncovering what has already been done, rubrics. PBL is "in vogue", how do we implement high quality, building to 8th-grade Capstone/"Thesis Defense".

Sharing institutional knowledge- careful with the roll-out

Short-term: Charter renewal. After November- have Katie and Kay come to the committee, share what they know/take on a mentorship role? Reach out to other schools who are doing it well. How do you deal with staff turn-over? Invite alumni.

Good to Great. Exhibition 2.0

Whole school Exhibition project?

### B.

## Update on District Measure of Learning & Progress (IXL)

### C. Data Points

## III. Additional Items to Discuss, Future Meetings

### A. Ideas?

Meet with Peter re: MCAS. IXL? Evaluations used by teachers for Exhibitions. A couple of years of Exhibition data. Teacher self-reflection on Exhibition.

Charter Renewal- Developing clearly aligned goals and vision under vision. What data do we already have?

MyWay/MAPs

Action Item: Set meeting for 2 weeks. October 23.

Gather data from grade levels related to vision/Exhibition data (talking points). Teacher evaluation data.

## IV. Closing Items

### A. Adjourn Meeting

Kimberly Sullivan made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Matt Cronin seconded the motion.

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

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jessica Xiarhos