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## MCCPS Board of Trustees

### Minutes

#### Academic Excellence Committee Meeting

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##### **Date and Time**

Wednesday February 5, 2020 at 7:30 AM

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##### **Committee Members Present**

Jessica Xiarhos, Matt Cronin, Peter Cohen

##### **Committee Members Absent**

Ellen Lodgen, Emily Westhoven, Kimberly Sullivan, Michael Condon, William Sullivan

##### **Guests Present**

Meg Upton

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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 Feb 5, 2020 at 7:37 AM.

##### **C. Approve Minutes from 1/15/20**

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

##### **A.**

## **Update on December's Action Items**

### **B. Dissemination of Academic Excellence to Staff**

Criteria for Excellence Departments debrief-

Math/Science - wondering where we're going with this document; visually math is not impactful, so what can we add?

criteria- where can we implement this in the curriculum, rebuild/reorganize what we do.

Is there a timetable on this? (September 2021 - cohesive plan that involves so many things - letter grades/Exhibition/"Gatewaying"/new Principal)

Floating the idea of grade bands (4 + 5, 6+ 7, 8)

Upper School - 6, 7, 8. concentrated efforts here. What does excellence mean in Upper School

Committee talks about the what - working groups talk about the how.

Upper School Working Group - What does a graduate look like, Criteria for Excellence, Power Standards, Practices in each Subject

Messaging around what we stand for - not here to teach to the test, community based approach

End Goal - MCCPS Criteria for Excellence

Details - schedules, events, retention 6 to 7

Concern for balancing details and big picture

Math/Science department to bring a draft to Upper School

How do grades connect to this?

What does excellence mean to a parent?

### **C. Next Steps**

## **III. Closing Items**

### **A. Action Items**

Meg - parent's perspective - Are parents happy with the feedback currently being received on student progress? (With Kim, think of questions to ask on survey).

**B. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jessica Xiarhos

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**Documents used during the meeting**

- 2020\_01\_15\_academic\_excellence\_committee\_committee\_meeting\_minutes-2.pdf