



## MCCPS Board of Trustees

### Minutes

#### Academic Excellence Committee Meeting

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

Wednesday April 1, 2020 at 9:30 AM

##### **Location**

Jessica Xiarhos is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: MCCPS Academic Excellence Committee Meeting

Time: Apr 1, 2020 09:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/191581548?pwd=YWdleHZlVU1xYlJxdzB3QUVLRTVJQT09>

Meeting ID: 191 581 548

Password: 972532

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

Ellen Lodgen (remote), Jessica Xiarhos (remote), Kimberly Sullivan (remote), Matt Cronin (remote), Meg Upton (remote), Michael Condon (remote), Peter Cohen (remote)

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

Emily Westhoven

##### **Guests Present**

Sarah Plymate

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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 Apr 1, 2020 at 9:35 AM.

### **C. Approve Minutes from 3/4/20**

Jessica Xiarhos made a motion to approve the minutes from March 4, 2020 Academic Excellence Committee Meeting on 03-04-20.

Michael Condon seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

Ellen Lodgen	Aye
Peter Cohen	Aye
Matt Cronin	Aye
Emily Westhoven	Absent
Meg Upton	Aye
Michael Condon	Aye
Jessica Xiarhos	Aye
Kimberly Sullivan	Aye

### **D. Accept Remote Participation**

Jessica Xiarhos made a motion to In light of the ongoing COVID-19 coronavirus outbreak, Governor Baker issued an emergency Order on March 12, 2020, allowing public bodies greater flexibility in utilizing technology in the conduct of meetings under the Open Meeting Law. This committee makes a motion to accept this Executive Order for this meeting of the Academic Excellence Committee, on April 1, 2020.

Ellen Lodgen seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

Emily Westhoven	Absent
Peter Cohen	Aye
Matt Cronin	Aye
Michael Condon	Aye
Ellen Lodgen	Aye
Jessica Xiarhos	Aye
Meg Upton	Aye
Kimberly Sullivan	Aye

## **II. Academic Excellence Committee**

### **A. Dissemination of Academic Excellence to Staff - Update**

Criteria for Excellence - Humanities document is coming all, Math document is further along.

- don't want to put this document on the back burner

Perceptions from the high school - very well prepared in science, math and humanities/ELA a weakness

Purpose of the document - maintaining high excellence for each teacher and content area.

-priority looking into the weak point

Questions for today:

- What do we do if school continues to be closed for an extended amount of time?

Let's get a draft going with Jessica, Ellen, Matt, and Peter to move forward.  
Meet at departments?

Protocol to go through with departments - what about the document resonates with you?

Vision of the graduate - bring to the committee

IA - bring draft of math/science/ humanities to IA as exemplar  
Current situation an opportunity to reevaluate traditional grading.

## **B. Timeline**

## **C. Project Based Learning**

# **III. Closing Items**

## **A. Action Items**

Matt, Ellen, Jessica to meet Wednesday the 8th at 9:30.

Jessica will add the draft Math/Science and Humanities "Criteria for Excellence" to Board on Track and share with Committee members via GoogleDocs.

## **B. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 10:19 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jessica Xiarhos

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## **Documents used during the meeting**

- 2020\_03\_04\_academic\_excellence\_committee\_committee\_meeting\_minutes.pdf