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## MCCPS Board of Trustees

### Minutes

#### Academic Excellence Committee Meeting

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**Date and Time**

Wednesday August 5, 2020 at 8:30 AM

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**Committee Members Present**

Ellen Lodgen (remote), Jessica Xiarhos (remote), Kimberly Sullivan (remote), Matt Cronin (remote), Peter Cohen (remote)

**Committee Members Absent**

*None*

**Guests Present**

Meg Upton (remote), Molly Wright (remote)

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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 Aug 5, 2020 at 8:33 AM.

**C.**

### **Accept Remote Participation**

Ellen Lodgen made a motion to Accept Remote Participation.

Kimberly Sullivan seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

Peter Cohen	Aye
Sarah Plymate Ragozin	Absent
Matt Cronin	Aye
Jessica Xiarhos	Aye
Ellen Lodgen	Aye
Kimberly Sullivan	Aye
Meg Upton	Aye
Molly Wright	Aye

### **D. Approve Minutes from 7/1/20**

Matt Cronin made a motion to approve the minutes from July 1, 2020 Academic Excellence Committee Meeting on 07-01-20.

Ellen Lodgen seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

Matt Cronin	Aye
Meg Upton	Aye
Kimberly Sullivan	Aye
Sarah Plymate Ragozin	Absent
Molly Wright	Aye
Jessica Xiarhos	Aye
Ellen Lodgen	Aye
Peter Cohen	Aye

## **II. Academic Excellence Committee**

### **A. Review Draft Criteria**

Meeting with Staff - put out a call to people who were around to revise/create Criteria in their subject/domain

- Global Studies still in draft form, looked at several iterations.
- No response from Art, Foreign Language.
- Jojo partially on board with Health/Wellness, but nothing PE specific.
- Some subjects have begun aligning to curriculum units.
- Going into the fall - using this to figure out what is essential; as a way to communicate with students/parents expectations.

- Molly - Looking at it through the lease of students - Could students pull work out of a portfolio that demonstrates certain skills? How are students reflecting about this?
- Looking to student acing - voice/choice
- Likely we'll find some revisions when in use

Level of language in the document -

- Lots of high-level teacher jargon
- What will this look like going forward
- Need a common understanding among staff
- Aligning our work to these documents
- Wording can't be too vague - too wide a gap in understanding, won't be useful

Alignment to Portfolio -

- Pick and choose "goals", start small

## **B. Implementation of Criteria for Excellence Documents in Remote Learning**

### **C. Next Steps**

When do we take "Draft" off -

- Committee reviews it
- HoS, Principal, Department Chairs
- Bring to Departments

PD -

- give time for Art, PE, World Languages
- others start aligning units

## **III. Closing Items**

### **A. Action Items**

Jessica to put documents into Academic Excellence Committee Board level folder on Board on Track

### **B. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jessica Xiarhos

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

- 2020\_07\_01\_academic\_excellence\_committee\_committee\_meeting\_minutes-2.pdf
- ELA Criteria - Draft .pdf
- DRAFT - MCCPS Criteria for Excellence.pdf
- Draft Criteria for Success\_ Science - .pdf
- Health and Wellness Criteria for Success \*DRAFT\*.pdf
- Copy of Math Criteria Draft - April 9, 2020.pdf
- Global Studies Criteria Draft - July 14, 2020.pdf
- Music Criteria Draft - July\_August 2020.pdf
- Proposed Schedule for MCCPS Criteria for Excellence.pdf