



MCCPS Board of Trustees

Minutes

Academic Excellence Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday August 5, 2020 at 8:30 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82913159414?pwd=OXcyUlpleVQxKzd3cGF2dTNhTXpodz09>

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)

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

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

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