

**Academic Excellence Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2016**

Call to Order: 7PM

N. Kotzamanis

Committee Members Present: N. Kotzamanis, A. Reagan, M. Smith

Staff Present: K. Smith, T. Zamiar

Public Attendees: S. Ross

Discussion Items:

1. Accelerated Differentiation:

T. Zamiar and K. Smith presented background information regarding selection of program. ALEKS versus Redbird. ALEKS selected as “best fit for PCCS”. A web-based program, ALEKS will provide individualized math instruction for targeted 5-8 students. This will be a “blended approach” along with Connected Mathematics Project 3 curriculum.

Discussion regarding how staff would be trained (online staff development via ALEKS), targeted students (teacher-selected), and scaffolding (ALEKS system selects/monitors progress based upon modules).

T. Zamiar also shared that High School feeder schools are being asked for specific course requirements (i.e., 8th grade regular math, Algebra) as part of 8th/HS transition and placement.

2. PARCC Results:

T. Zamiar shared document reflecting PCCS Global PARCC results. Document showed overall school composite, and breakdown of ELA/Math subtests for grade levels 3-8. General trends discussed. Composite ELA: Vocabulary a relative strength, composite Math: Math Major Content shows room for improvement

Public Comment: None

Action Items:

1. Motion to approve minutes from September meeting. M. Smith motion, A. Regan second. All Ayes - Minutes approved.

Motion to adjourn: A. Reagan moved, N. Kotzamanis second. – All Ayes at 8:03PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Michelle Smith
1-13-16