



**Academic Excellence Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 10, 2018 6:00 PM
Kennicott Building – Art Room
1531 Jones Point Rd
Grayslake, IL 60030**

Call to Order 6:03 PM

Chair – Nick Kotzamanis

Members Present

Nick Kotzamanis, Chair
Ed Jamison, Secretary
Nell Anen
Devon Mann
Sue Ross

Staff Present

Geoff Deigan, Executive Director
Tony Zamiar, Dean of Faculty and Students

Members Not Present

Bob Bolin

Others Present

None

Discussion Agenda:

1. Update and Overview Accelerated Math Program in 6-8th grades

Mr Zamiar brought some handouts with details on updates to the accelerated math program. He explained K-5 is a single system, at 6th grade stratification occurs and multiple pathways are available. Students are moved to the pathway that best fits their needs and capabilities. Placement is based on 4 criteria: Math MAP, Reading MAP, PARCC Scores and student performance surveys. A score of 0 in any of the 4 criteria excludes that student from an advanced pathway until the score can be improved. This program is similar to programs offered by surrounding schools, including Glenbrook, Hawthorn and others.

Mrs. Ross asked about why Reading is included. Mr Zamiar explained that it's common to have reading included as more advanced math includes more reading as it progresses.

Updated math packet info will be included in upcoming curriculum night.

Packet was co-developed by Mr Zamiar, Chris Hershiser, Kim Bonczowski and Matt Johnson.

2. Academics Review for Charter Renewal

Mr Deigan updated the committee on efforts to recharter PCCS for another 5 years. There is an upcoming public meeting on October 17 with the charter commission.

Mr Deigan shared that we are looking for a small cap increase to address an issue of continually bumping into our enrollment ceiling when outplacement or other similar issues arise.

3. Committee Goals and Topics for FY19 Meetings

A brief discussion occurred around future plans for the committee and goals. There is a desire to weave the committee goals in with the Catalyst initiative that is being worked on by the staff. This will be discussed at future committee meetings.

4. Review Minutes of Previous Committee Minutes
No minutes to approve

Public Comment 10 minutes

Action Agenda:

2A. Approve Minutes from Previous Committee Meetings
No minutes to approve

New Business – Future Agenda Items

Adjourn

There being no further business before the board, **Nell Anen** made a motion to adjourn, seconded by

Devon Mann

On voice call - “all ayes”. MOTION CARRIED at **7:09 PM**.

Respectfully submitted,
Ed Jamison

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ed Jamison', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Secretary
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