



**PCCS Academic Excellence Committee Meeting  
Approved Minutes  
May 18, 2021 – 6:00 PM  
Remote Meeting by Zoom**

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**Call to Order:** 6:02 pm

**Chair:** Abe Janis

**Committee Members Present:** Demetri Georgatsos, Ted Erski, Lea-Ann Domanski, & Abe Janis

**Staff Present:** Tony Zamiar & Geoff Deigan

**Public Present:** Zoom ID “Aarav” appeared briefly early in the meeting

**Public Comment:** No Comments from the public

**Discussion Agenda:**

**1. Assessment Testing Update – Tony Zamiar**

- **NWEA**

*Covers ELA & math. Window for testing closed. on May 19<sup>th</sup>. The intent is that reports will go home on the last day of the school year, if not then shortly afterward.*

- **IAR**

*Comprises six assessments. Testing window closes in the beginning of October for schools that chose the Fall assessment. PCCS’s results are not expected until December or later, as benchmarking requires inclusion of those schools that opted for Fall testing and subsequent results.*

*All in-person students participated in IAR testing. Approximately 60% of remote students were assessed in-person, while approx. 20 remote students did not participate.*

**2. ISBE Accountability Framework for FY2020 – Geoff Deigan**

*ISBE Assessment of Academic Performance was waived for 2020-2021 due to pandemic.*

### **3. Update of In Person Learning / Multi Age for FY22**

*Waiting to see if Illinois progresses to Phase 5 (no remote). May still include some distancing requirements. If guidance in July allows, plan is for a return in August for a normal school year.*

### **4. Q&A**

*Tony Zamiar provided a 4c update: First and second graders did well in math, were a few points behind in reading/ELA. Kindergarten was a few points behind in reading. Expecting a wider spectrum of learnings in the Fall than in past years. Multi age classrooms /learning in grades 1 through 4 will remain paused for one more year to allow for focus on individual grade bands.*

### **Action Agenda**

No action items from this meeting

### **New Business Items**

*Geoff Deigan provided a summary of discussions regarding the possibility of a summer enrichment program. This idea was tabled due to lack of appropriate resources needed in such a short turnaround time. Focus over the summer will be on building new curriculum in project, problem and place-based learning.*

*Lea-Ann Bell-Domanski asked about resourcing. Tony Zamiar described the 5 student teachers PCCS hosted this year. Two new student teachers have already signed up. College of Lake County Education program collaboration has been re-initiated.*

Meeting adjourned at 6:38pm

Respectfully submitted

Abe Janis, Chair