

**MA Consortium for Innovative Education Assessment
January 26, 2017 Governing Board Meeting Minutes
Winchester Public Schools, 40 Samoset Road, Winchester**

Review December Meeting Minutes. Meeting minutes were approved unanimously with two small edits.

Subcommittee Updates

○ *Accountability Subcommittee*

The committee's revised set of principles was presented and discussed. This led to discussion about DESE's new proposed accountability model that includes six (rather than the current five) levels as well as the proposed inclusion of a school climate survey to be administered to students directly after MCAS 2.0 administration. We currently have a March 7th meeting scheduled with Russell Johnston to discuss the issue of potentially conflicting surveys with DESE prior to decisions being made, however some members wondered whether that was too late to meet.

Agreements:

- *Dan will email Russell Johnston to see if our March 7th meeting is too late to meet on the school climate survey, and if so, schedule an earlier conference call*
- *The Accountability Subcommittee will develop a consortium response to DESE's proposed accountability plan*
- *The revised consortium principles were unanimously approved*

○ *Finance Subcommittee*

The subcommittee has not had a chance to meet since the December board meeting, but via email agreed to recommend to the board to provide \$10,000 grants to each consortium school participating in the Quality Performance Assessment institute.

Agreement:

- *Each school participating in the QPA institute will receive a \$10,000 grant to support teacher participation in the work of building school capacity to create high quality performance assessments. While the grant period extends through August 31, 2017, schools can request no-cost extensions.*

○ *Technology & Communications Subcommittee*

Erik presented the new consortium website.

Agreements:

The website was approved with the following changes to be made:

- *Include a category for ex-officio members (MTA, AFTMA, CCE, College of the Holy Cross, Pat Jehlen)*
- *Include governing board professional email addresses*
- *Place MCIEA at the top of the Resources section*
- *Put in "Follow us on Twitter and Facebook"*
- *Ensure that the website translates well with smart phones*

MCIEA State House launch event on January 30th. We reviewed the agenda.

Agreements:

- *Judy will replace Salah as opening speaker along with Erik*
- *We should email the invitation to the Mitchell Chester, Jim Peysner, and Board of Elementary & Secondary Education members*
- *Additional questions to ask the panel:*
 - *How does the consortium's work relate to DESE's new accountability proposal?*
 - *How can we make the consortium's accountability system sustainable while scaling it to other districts?*
 - *What support and resources are needed from the state legislature?*
 - *How can interested people get involved?*

School Quality Measures. Jack and James will present the draft School Quality Measures Framework to the board at its February meeting.

Performance Assessment. Dan and Laurie discussed the purpose of the “common” assessments: (1) to ensure inter-rater reliability in scoring student work, (2) to provide examples of high quality performance tasks, and (3) to add to a resource task bank that consortium educators could access. The common tasks are not intended to be the sole or even significant determinant of student proficiency; they could be chosen by local districts to be used as one of a number of tasks by which to score student work and make proficiency determinations. Lively discussion ensued. Some felt that we needed some way to demonstrate inter-rater reliability and comparability to the state. Others felt uncomfortable with the term “common” and any attempt to use one standard assessment across all students in all districts, and wondered whether we could have a bank of common tasks from which local districts (and schools) selected from, and then have scoring sessions with educators from districts/schools that used the same tasks.

Agreement:

We need further discussion to come to consensus on this issue. It will be scheduled for the February governing board meeting.

Future MCIEA Governing Board Meetings (locations to be determined)

February 17, 9:00 – 11:30 am, Boston Public Schools

March 17, 9:00 – 11:30 am, Somerville Public Schools

April 27, 2:00 – 4:30 pm, Lowell Public Schools

May 18, 2:00 – 4:30 pm, MSSAA

June 15, 9:00 – 11:30 am, Revere Public Schools