

MA Consortium for Innovative Education Assessment Governing Board
May 18, 2017 Meeting Minutes
Attleboro Public Schools, 100 Rathbun Willard Dr, Attleboro

Approve March and April meeting minutes. Approved, with one correction to the March minutes.

Performance Assessment. The final Quality Performance Assessment session went well, with positive feedback from participants. Materials for the summer calibration session, next year's Cohort 1 and 2 calendars, and recruitment for performance assessment teacher leaders were reviewed. The revised task bank review process was reviewed and approved. Attleboro (3) and Revere (3) are on track in recruiting Cohort 2 schools, and Boston (10), Lowell (6), Winchester (2) and Somerville (3) still have recruitment work to do.

School Quality Measures. Student and teacher survey administration is on track in all districts. In reflection, it was noted that in future years it would be optimal to talk with teachers and administrators beforehand about the purpose of the survey – underscoring that it is confidential, non-attributable to any teacher or grade, and there is no external analysis of the data; rather, the goal is to get educators to ask the question: What does this data mean to me? As well, the timing of the surveys is important; for some, it might make more sense to administer it in the middle of the school year.

The data dashboard will be constructed this summer; James Noonan needs pictures and a short description of each consortium school to upload at the front of each school's data. In June, James will conduct benchmark focus groups in each consortium district to ascertain the desired levels within each indicator of what constitutes a quality school.

Agreement: The first year of the dashboard will be a pilot year, and thus data will only be used for internal purposes to ensure that all the "kinks" are worked out and the dashboard refined before going public in the second year.

CCE and Jack Schneider will be submitting a proposal to the Spencer Foundation for a researcher-practitioner grant on building the data dashboard. We need letters of support from each district, with the superintendent and teachers union president signing off on the letters.

Accountability Subcommittee. We reviewed the two sets of draft streamlined MCIEA principles; everyone favored the original list with some revisions agreed to. We also reviewed the subcommittee's final recommendations on identifying and supporting struggling schools.

Agreement: While the draft recommendations identified more supportive policies and practices in identifying and supporting struggling schools, it was agreed that MCIEA should not support any document or recommendations that sort and rank schools in any way. Thus, the document was put on hold until such time that the governing board pushes the MA Board of Elementary & Secondary Education for a federal waiver and is required to submit a proposed plan to identify and support struggling schools.

Technology & Communications Subcommittee. The subcommittee is setting up a virtual meeting with Vantage Learning to view their learning management system.

Meeting Schedule. Dan will set up a meeting schedule for this summer and monthly meetings next year.

Future MCIEA Governing Board Meetings: June 15, 9:00 – 11:30 am, Revere High School, 101 School Street, Revere.