

MA Consortium for Innovative Education Assessment
August 17, 2017 Meeting Agenda: 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Best Western Hotel, 181 Boston Post Rd W, Marlborough
Minutes

School Quality Measures Updates. SQM staff are in the process of cleaning all the teacher and student survey data that was collected from consortium districts. During September, surveys to ascertain benchmarking (or a “satisfaction range” or zone) of each SQM indicator will be sent to selected groups within the multiple constituencies (e.g., parents, educators, community). The goal is to complete data cleaning and analysis, creation of satisfaction ranges, and other analysis to release school quality reports to districts by November.

There was some concern expressed about what to do about variation of ratings by school within districts, and dealing with school committee, parent, and community questions about comparison rather than viewing the data dashboard as a vehicle for school improvement.

Agreed: We will use part of November’s governing board meeting to look at two MCIEA districts’ data by school as a case study to further discuss the question about what to do about variation of ratings within and across districts.

We then reviewed the SQM goals for FY 2018 (see attached).

Performance Assessment Updates. The Cohort 2 June and August sessions have gone well. There are now 27 schools in Cohort 2, over double Cohort 1 (13 schools). We reviewed the QPA goals for FY 2018 (see attached).

Agreed: CCE will once again arrange for district meetings in September for the superintendent, teacher union president, and Cohorts 1 & 2 principals to discuss the calendar, goals, and expectations, along with support needed, for the year.

Finance Committee. CCE will be sending out grant letters soon to Cohort 2 schools.

Agreed: CCE will send out letters to all Cohort 2 school principals, and request a budget for their \$10,000 grants. Once received, CCE will then send out a grant agreement letter, with the budget inserted for signature. Superintendents and teacher union presidents (or their representatives) will be copied on all correspondence.

Agreed: CCE will be applying for a \$20,000 Stone Foundation grant on building public exposure for MCIEA. It was agreed that MCIEA should plan to hold a public forum on accountability in spring 2018 (with Nancy Sizer as a suggested possible speaker). There was some discussion about whether it should be a wine and cheese event for policymakers or a broader education event that included workshops.

Agreed: Whenever a district holds a performance assessment exhibition of student work, they should invite their local legislators and media to the event.

We have gotten a lot of legislative support for an override of Governor Baker’s veto of the MCIEA FY 2018 state line item. We anticipate an override vote toward the end of September.

Technology & Communications Committee. The board approved making the new MCIEA e-newsletter public, pending receiving two additional votes of approval from teacher union presidents (only two were in attendance).

Agreed: Dan will send out an email to the governing board seeking additional approval to send out the MCIEA e-newsletter publicly.

Agreed: Whenever information or data is sent to consortium districts, the superintendent and teacher union president should be copied.

Agreed: We will send a letter to the board of education recommending that they seek a new commissioner who has a bold vision to create a new multiple measures accountability system. Dan will draft the letter and circulate it (e.g., as the highest performing state in the country, isn't it time for bold leadership in accountability?)

Agreed: Due to Rosh Shashanah, we will poll members about rescheduling the September 21st meeting.

Summer and School Year 2017-2018 School Year Meeting Calendar (all meetings will be on Thursdays):

August 17	9:00 – 11:30 am	Best Western Hotel in Marlborough
September 21	2:00 – 4:30 pm	Winchester Public Schools – to be rescheduled
October 19	9:00 – 11:30 am	Boston Public Schools
November 16	2:00 – 4:30 pm	Somerville Public Schools
December 14	9:00 – 11:30 am	Lowell Public Schools
January 18	2:00 – 4:30 pm	Attleboro Public Schools
February 15	9:00 – 11:30 am	Revere Public Schools
March 15	2:00 – 4:30 pm	Winchester Public Schools
April 12	9:00 – 11:30 am	Boston Public Schools
May 17	2:00 – 4:30 pm	Somerville Public Schools
June 14	9:00 – 11:30 am	Lowell Public Schools