

**Holyoke Community Charter School
2200 Northampton Street
Holyoke, MA 01040
Board of Trustees**

Minutes of HCCS Board of Trustees Meeting – December 7, 2016

In Attendance: Anne Darcy, Cynthia Dennis, Paul Santaniello, Leona Florek, Jenna Gable (non-voting), Jay Breines

Guests: Sonia Correa-Pope, Tom Paquin, Joe Dougherty, Sandra Chessey, Ben Torres, George Saad, HCCS AQC's

Not Present: Mark Lubold

I. Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Anne Darcy.
Public comments/none

II. **Approval of Minutes Paul Santaniello moved to approve the November 16, 2016 meeting minutes. Seconded by Leona Florek and approved. The motion passed unanimously.**

III. **Finance/Facilities**

Cynthia Dennis sent financial reports, noted electrical running higher than last year. **Cynthia Dennis moved to accept the reports. Seconded by Paul Santaniello. The motion passed unanimously.** Facilities tabled to next meeting.

IV. **Academic Presentation**

Every Student Succeeds Act compared to NCLB/using funds differently. Title 1 reduction/but future federal funding? Computer tests expected to begin in 2017 with a paper test accommodation for certain individuals.

“Next Gen” MCAS 2017 levels reviewed/returning to untimed tests.

Grade levels reviewed/State did not release State average. Reduced students in warning level by 2%. This year highest ELA number so far. CPI review for progress throughout years. Can see dips in level when new assessments were presented. Cohorts levels grew but some grade levels did not score as high as the previous same grade level.

Action plan reviewed

Includes PD/analysis of standards; creation of a graphic organizer; teachers best practices with hands-on examples, workshops for grades 3-8 annotation skills; integrating literacy; conducted integrated PD for math and English; more PD for new teachers; student for multiplication/division skills; checklist creation; create academic visuals; Student Life homework clubs; bring back advising periods

SABIS Initiatives

- Veteran teachers as lead mentors
- PD for K-2 teachers
- Preparing for new MCAS
- SABIS preplist
- Held math & English data summit
- Additional access to professional development through online learning
- Set internal goals for AMS 80% (+correlation with MCAS) and periodics, and preplist
- Future/e-books & ILS learning environment

Jay Breines moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Lubold, Clerk

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List of handouts

11/16/16 minutes