**Academic Committee Meeting Minutes**

**November 14, 2017**

Attendees: Julia LeDoyen, Gregory Jay, Tim Ryan, Angelique Conner, Damarcus Henley, Fran Bartel

Guests: Allegra Johnson, Scott Heptinstall, Peggy Bussert

I. Meeting was called to order and guests were welcomed and identified.

2. Review of minutes from November 7 meeting. Motion to approve (Bartel) and seconded (Jay). Motion passed unanimously.

3. Continuation of discussion on new curriculum provided by Dekalb County: The discussion began by acknowledging that the Academics Committee finds the new curriculum lacking based on the due diligence our committee performed in soliciting teacher and administrative feedback. This information was reported in our prior two meetings. Julia LeDoyen asked Peggy Bussert and Allegra Johnson for input on how the PCMS charter can enable PCMS to opt out of the new curriculum. Mrs. Bussert advised that PCMS does not need to make a formal statement or take a formal position to indicate that we are opting out of the new curriculum. Rather, Mr. Heptinstall can exercise the charter and the latitude it provides without restriction. The committee agreed upon a message to send to Mr. Heptinstall in support of him opting out of the new curriculum. The message is as follows: We agree that the Georgia Performance Standards of Excellence governs us. The Academics Committee makes the recommendation to the PCMS administration to provide flexibility to the staff with lesson plan template, pacing, units, and grade weights.

Mr. Heptinstall indicated that he will approach the Foundation at the next scheduled meeting and discuss his desire to have PCMS opt out of the new curriculum.

4. No additional business was brought before the committee. Motion to adjourn (Bartel) and seconded (Henley); unanimously passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 am.