

**Penn Hills Charter School of Entrepreneurship  
2501 Main Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15235**

**Board of Trustees**

**ACADEMIC COMMITTEE**

**General Purpose**

Penn Hills Charter School of Entrepreneurship's (the "Charter School") Academic Committee is commissioned by and responsible to the Board of Trustees to assume the primary responsibility for working with the Principal to define academic excellence, ensure that the Charter School is providing educational opportunities to its students in a manner consistent with its Charter.

**Appointments and Composition**

- The President of the Board shall annually appoint the Chair and other members of the Academic Committee with the advice and consent of the Board.
- The Chair of the Academic Committee shall be a member of the Board of Trustees.
- Additional members of the Academic Committee need not be members of the Board of Trustees.
- The Principal shall be a member of the Academic Committee.

**Responsibilities**

This is a governance function, not a management function, and it is anticipated that the Principal will have significant input into the work and composition of the Academic Committee. The Committee's primary role is to assure that academic excellence is defined, and that the Board approves annual goals to attain academic excellence.

- Define and continue to refine what academic excellence means for the Charter School.
- Ensure that all Board members understand the key principles that make up the academic program in addition to the academic goals set forth in the Charter.
- Work with the Principal to devise clear and consistent ways to measure progress towards stated goals.
- Work with the Principal to set annual academic achievement goals, to be presented to and approved by the full Board.
- Work with the Principal to share with the Board annual successes, barriers to reaching academic excellence, and strategies to overcome these barriers.
- Arrange for Board training on issues related to academic oversight and academic achievement, as needed.

- Create specific measurable board-level goals for the year as part of the full Board planning process.
- Report to the Board of Trustees at regular meetings of the Board in a manner determined by the Board.
- Annually evaluate its work as a committee and the objectives it has committed itself to and report on same to the Board of Trustees.