



MAGNOLIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board Of Directors

Board Agenda Item #	III A
Date:	December 10, 2015
To:	Magnolia Board of Directors
From:	Caprice Young, Ed.D., CEO & Superintendent
Staff Lead:	Gokhan Serce, Principal MSA-San Diego
RE:	MSA-San Diego Local Governance Committee Update

Proposed Board Recommendation

Information item only, no action needed.

Background

MSA-San Diego Local Governance Committee (LCG) had its first meeting on November 20, 2015 at 6:30 pm at MSA-SD school site. Two MPS Board members and two MSA-SD parent members were present. MPS Chief of Staff Mr. Andy Gokce also attended the meeting to inform committee members on their roles. MSA-SD Local Governance Committee unanimously elected Ms. Yolanda Yslas-Thompson as its Committee Chair. Principal Serce updated LGC members on MSA-San Diego's Academic Performance, Financial Status and the progress on the Facility acquisition.

Budget Implications

None.

Name of Staff Originator:

Gokhan Serce, MSA-SD Principal

Attachments

Minutes



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Magnolia Science Academy - San Diego Local Governance Committee Meeting Minutes

Date and Time

Friday, November 20, 2015, 6:30 pm

Location

Magnolia Science Academy - San Diego, 6365 Lake Atlin Ave, San Diego, CA 92119
Teleconference

Committee Members Present

Dr. Mustafa Kaynak (remote)
Mr. Serdar Orazov (remote)
Mr. Anthony Talamantez (remote)
Mrs. Yolanda Yslas-Thompson (remote)

Guests Present

Mr. Andy Gokce, Chief of Staff, Magnolia Public Schools-Present
Mr. Gokhan Serce, Principal, Magnolia Science Academy-San Diego - present
Ms. Susana Davila, Office Manager, Magnolia Science Academy-San Diego - present

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

Dr. Kaynak called the meeting of the Local Governance committee to order on Friday, November 20, 2015 at 6:34 PM. As a senior board member at MPS Board of Directors, Dr. Kaynak led the first meeting.

B. Introductions

Dr. Mustafa Kaynak- has been serving on MPS Board since November 2009.
Mr Serdar Orazov- has been serving on MPS Board since September, 2015, worked at MPS Finance Department before.
Mr Talamantez- current parent at MSA-San Diego and another as future student
Mrs. Thompson- parent of an 8th grader, also parent of a former student now a 10th grader

II. Action Items

A. Role of Local Governance Committee

Will handle issues related to Magnolia Science Academy - San Diego

Duties and responsibilities- the committee has decision making powers, however MPS board will have final say

- Local committee will approve MSA-SD's budget before it's approved by MPS Board
- Promote, guard and guide Magnolia vision as it pertains to MSA-San Diego
- Ensure charter school meets mission and goals- petition approved by San Diego Unified



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- Refer to charter petition for reference
- Be an advocate for students
- Ensure organizational planning
- Ensure adequate resources for every single student
- Will take lead in establishing, managing and determining budget resources
- Local committee will be driving budget along with principal
- Appoint admin team for expulsions- school takes action before going to board. Action plan where parents and school does not agree, school still has to expel student, it has to go to local committee before going to board.
- Work with principal and central office to resolve internal conflicts before going to board

Mrs. Thompson asked: who created these roles? Magnolia home office drafted it in cooperation with San Diego Unified's Charter Office. It was approved by both San Diego Unified Board of Directors and Magnolia Public Schools Board of Directors.

Reasons for local committee

SD Unified raised concerns that MSA-SD was the only Magnolia school in San Diego. Local community should have more say on spending. The committee will also help solve local issues.

Mr. Talamantez asked what the main topics are that we would like to address in these meetings? Mr. Serce responded by saying financial issues will be addressed, using state money efficiently to help the students, decrease class size and support teachers. Facility updates will be included in the upcoming meetings.

C. Open Positions

The local committee then moved on to elect its chair person. Mr. Gokce explained the duties of the chair: the chair calls the meetings to order, finalizes agenda with principal, if needed contacts other board members and represent the committee at the local level.

Mr. Gokce also explained that a Brown Act Training will be scheduled for the local committee members. Dr Kaynak made a motion to appoint Mrs. Yoli Thompson as Chair of Committee. Mr. Orazow seconded. Mrs. Yoli Thompson was unanimously elected as the committee chair.

III. Information Items

A. Academic Update- Shared by Mr. Serce

- Last year students took SBAC assessment
- based on student performance- API score and recommendations for each school will be issued
- This test replaces STAR testing
- MSA-SD score went up to a 9 out of 10 schools, last year it was 6 out of 10 on greatschools.org
- The new Common Core assessments are computer based adaptive test, questions get harder or easier based on student progress
- In our neighborhood, our school was highest, 57% met or exceeded expectations
- CST for science: 84% were proficient at MSA-SD
- 23% of our students are Free/ Reduced Lunch receivers.
- We have 2 homeless students, we are receiving federal money for those students



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- Title 1 teacher hired to help a certain amount of students- additional intervention on its way to help students

B. Financial Update

Mr. Serce briefed the committee members on the school's budget and budget vs. actuals. MSA-SD has an expected net income of \$573,000 this year. Mr. Gokce said training will be provided on how to read and evaluate financials, how to read documents

C. Facility Update

MSA-SD is trying to secure a future site while also working on signing a lease agreement with the owners of its current site until its new site is ready to move. Mr. Serce said update to parents are provided every 2 weeks. Next meeting is on November 30th at 6pm at MSA-San Diego's current site.

IV. Closing Items

A. Date of Next Meeting

The committee will meet once every quarter. Next meeting will be in January. Committee Chair Mrs. Thompson will call for a meeting in January 2016.

B. Adjourn Meeting

Dr. Kaynak adjourned the meeting at 7:46 pm.