



Board Agenda Item #	Agenda # II A
Date:	September 6, 2017
To:	Nominating/Governance Committee
From:	Caprice Young, Ed.D., CEO & Superintendent
Staff Lead:	Ismael Soto, Interim Chief External Officer
RE:	Creation of Advisory Committee

Proposed Board Recommendation

Information item, no action required. Staff would like to discuss the draft of the Advisory Committee proposal (attached) and get input on the details of this committee for further discussion.

Background

The formation of an Advisory Committee was recommended by the Magnolia Public Schools – Board of Directors and by the Nominating Committee of the same. Staff was directed to create a proposal for such committee due to the need for expertise.

This committee will serve as an extension of the MPS Board of Directors with experts in key areas such as STEAM academics, development, operations, facilities and construction, community engagement, athletics, and other concerns that may arise.

Budget Implications

- No budget implications at this time.

How Does This Action Relate/Affect/Benefit All MSAs?

The Advisory Committee is formed to most importantly *advocate* for all MSA’s. They will be the champions in building the communities necessary to support the growth and success of all MPS schools, which includes sharing knowledge and relationships they have gained over years of experience and networking. It is these networks that can open possibilities to ignite the passions of MSA students. Additionally, the Advisory Committee will *invest* by becoming stakeholders in the academic and financial success of all MPS schools.

Moreover, the Advisory Committee will *consult* by providing valuable counsel to the MPS Board of Directors, executive team, and CEO including input into MPS strategic planning. Having Advisory Committee members with expert understanding of specific education disciplines within Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and or Math will be of great value to MPS.

Lastly, the Advisory Committee will *fund* by helping to bring community partnerships and financial resources to MPS. The Advisory Committee will also share their expertise and experience in specific areas to key members of the MPS executive team and Board of Directors to make informed decisions for all MSA schools.

Name of Staff Originator:

Ismael Soto - Interim Chief External Officer

Exhibits (attachments):

Advisory Committee Proposal

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

for Magnolia Public Schools

Mission Statement:

Magnolia Public Schools (MPS) provides a college preparatory educational program emphasizing Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) in a safe environment that cultivates respect for self and others.

The MPS Advisory Committee Is Formed To:

- **Advocate** – Be champions in building the communities necessary to support the growth and success of MPS which includes sharing knowledge and relationships.
- **Invest** – Become stakeholders in the academic and financial success of MPS.
- **Consult** – Provide valuable counsel to the board, executive team, and CEO of MPS including input into MPS strategic planning.
- **Fund** – Assist in bringing community partnerships and financial resources to MPS.

Membership:

Maximum of twenty (20) members of the Advisory Committee.

Selection:

The Board of Directors approves Advisory Committee members. The Advisory Committee will be primarily made up of community leaders, especially those who may become new board of director's candidates. MPS Advisory Committee also includes former board members who may want a reduced commitment but who still are willing to provide expertise and support. This is a non-decision making body and therefore the Conflict of Interest (COI) laws do not apply.

MPS seeks members with expertise from areas the MPS Board of Directors can draw from related to:

- STEAM academics (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics)
- Development
- Operations
- Facilities and Construction
- Community Engagement
- Athletics
- And other concerns that may arise.

Term of Office:

Advisory Committee members may be appointed to up to two three-year terms and may rejoin the Advisory Committee after taking a year off. Members can be considered for a role in the MPS Board of Directors.

Member Responsibilities:

Each committee member is expected to:

- a) Attend two meetings a year;
- b) Actively participate in the functioning of the committee as his or her time allows;
- c) Allow his or her name and bio to be featured in Magnolia Schools materials as a supporter;
- d) Be available for individual consultations to the CEO, MPS executive team, and the MPS Board of Directors.

Officers:

The MPS Board of Directors, with input from MPS CEO, will appoint a chairperson of the committee. The chairperson will preside at all meetings of the advisory committee.

Meetings:

The advisory committee will hold two meetings a year, usually in the Fall and Spring.