



Board Agenda Item #	Agenda # IV. A
Date:	October 12, 2017
To:	MPS Board of Directors
From:	Caprice Young, Ed.D., CEO & Superintendent
Staff Lead:	Ismael Soto, Interim Chief External Officer
RE:	Proposal of the MPS Advisory Committee

Proposed Board Recommendation

Discussion item- Per Nominating/Governance Committee, this item is being presented to the full board as discussion and at a later meeting it will be presented for approval.

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. To recap, the advisory 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.

Staff created a proposal for such committee which was discussed at length during the September 6, 2017 Governance/Nominating committee meeting. The following items were revised based on the feedback staff received during the meeting.

Revisions Include:

1. Regarding “The MPS Advisory Committee Is Formed To” items:
 - a. Added to Advocate section: “In addition, provide marketing and branding expertise.”
 - b. Added to Consult section: “The Advisory Committee will communicate with the

Magnolia Public Schools Board of Directors via the Advisory Committee chairperson during regular MPS board meetings.”

2. Regarding “Term of Office” items:
 - a. Revised: Previously was a three-year term length, now reads two-year.
 - b. Added: An advisory Committee member can terminate their term at any time.

3. Regarding “Membership” items:
 - a. Revised: Previously was a minimum of 10 members, now reads minimum of 5 members.

4. Regarding “Officers” items:
 - a. Added: “and will serve a minimum of a two-year term. In the case the chairperson cannot attend a meeting, the chairperson will appoint a fellow Advisory Committee member to sit in their place.”

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):

Revised Advisory Committee Description

Resolution

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. In addition, provide marketing and branding expertise.
- **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. The Advisory Committee will communicate with the Magnolia Public Schools Board of Directors via the Advisory Committee chairperson during regular MPS board meetings.
- **Fund** – Assist in bringing community partnerships and financial resources to MPS.

Membership:

There is a minimum of five (5) and a 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 two-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. An Advisory Committee member can terminate their term at any time.

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 and will serve a minimum of a two-year term. In the case the chairperson cannot attend a meeting, the chairperson will appoint a fellow Advisory Committee member to sit in their place.

Meetings:

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



RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Resolution #TBD

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is in the best interest of Magnolia Educational and Research Foundation (MERF) that the Advisory Committee be created to operate in support the full board;

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee shall be comprised of a minimum of five (5) and a maximum of twenty (20) members.

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee members possess the necessary skill to understand the duties and functions of the Advisory Committee;

WHEREAS, the committee shall be composed of the members nominated by the majority of the MERF Board, which shall be selected during a public meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

The Board of Magnolia Educational and Research Foundation (MERF) approve the creation of the Advisory Committee;

PASSED AND ACCEPTED THIS 12th DAY OF OCTOBER 2017.

Magnolia Educational and Research Foundation a California non-profit corporation.

Umit Yapanel, Secretary of the Board

Date