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Magnolia Public Schools

Minutes

MPS Board Retreat

Date and Time

Sunday March 18, 2018 at 9:00 AM

Location

MPS Central Office: 250 E. 1st St. Suite 1500 Los Angeles, CA 90012

Board Members:

Dr. Saken Sherkhanov, Chair

Dr. Umit Yapanel, Secretary

Mr. Serdar Orazov, Treasurer

Dr. Salih Dikbas

Ms. Diane Gonzalez

Mr. Haim Beliak

Ms. Charlotte Brimmer

Ms. Sandra Covarrubias

CEO & Superintendent:

Dr. Caprice Young

Directors Present

C. Brimmer, D. Gonzalez, H. Beliak, S. Covarrubias, S. Dikbas, S. Orazov, S. Sherkhanov, U. Yapanel

Directors Absent

None

Guests Present

B. Torres

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

S. Sherkhanov called a meeting of the board of directors of Magnolia Public Schools to order on Sunday Mar 18, 2018 at 9:16 AM.

B. Record Attendance and Guests

All Board members participated in person.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Torres, Executive Assistant, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

E. Approval of Agenda

C. Brimmer made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

U. Yapanel seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. MPS Board Retreat

A. Academic Update

K. Jackson, MPS Chief Academic Officer, presented the Grows, Glows and Priorities of the Academic Department. A. Callaham, Interim Director of Students Services, introduced herself to the Board and went over SPED goals, current SPED items and addressed questions regarding SPED costs and budgets. Along with the budget details she explained the insurance coverage that exists for these services. The Board asked what additional support is needed to improve the student academic tests scores, C. Young, CEO and Superintendent explained that there needs to be a distinction between what support is needed from home office and what is needed at the school sites. She also mentioned that parent workshops may also be helpful for academic improvement. MPS Principals stated that they spend an extensive amount of time on non-academic work and would like more support in Human Resources and Financial tasks. Board members presented their concerns about site security and how this should be standardized at all sites. Academics were discussed extensively amongst school staff, home office staff and Board members. This was a discussion item, no actions were take.

B. Oversight School Visits Overview

This item will be presented at the April 12, 2018 MPS Board Meeting.

C. School Site Presentation Glows, Grows and Priorities

All MPS Principals presented their schools Glows, Grows and Priorities. Priorities included staff recruitment and retention, different collaborations, increase in enrollment, increased professional development, strengthening of academic programs, amongst many other priorities for the upcoming academic year. This was a discussion item, no actions were taken.

D. CMO Department Leads Presentation on Glows, Grow, and Priorities

This item was postponed due to time constraints. Departments will be presenting during future Board meetings.

III. Closed Session

A. Public Performance Evaluation: Chief Executive Officer and Superintendent

This item was discussed in Closed Session.

B. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation - One Matter

This item was discussed in Closed Session.

C. Public Announcement of Closed Session

S. Sherkhanov, MPS Board Chair reported out that no actions were taken during Closed Session.

IV. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
S. Sherkhanov