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Next Generation Charter Schools

Minutes

MetLCS Board - Monthly Leadership Call

Date and Time
Tuesday February 18, 2020 at 8:00 AM

Location
813.967.8308 passcode 74216

Mission

We prepare our students for college through a rigorous arts-infused program.

Vision

All students will be taught by a highly effective teacher in a nurturing environment and will achieve at high levels. Each student will develop the knowledge, skills and values necessary for responsible citizenship and life-long learning. The impact of our collective efforts will fundamentally change public education.

Committee Members Present
A. Bothner (remote), A. Khatiwada (remote), E. Chen (remote), J. Boulet (remote), S. Pressley (remote)

Committee Members Absent
None

Guests Present
C. Russell (remote), K. Davidson (remote), K. McGuire (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

J. Boulet called a meeting of the Governance Committee of Next Generation Charter Schools to order on Tuesday Feb 18, 2020 at 8:03 AM.

C.

Approve Minutes

A. Bothner made a motion to approve the minutes from MetLCS Board - Monthly Facilities Call on 01-22-20.
J. Boulet seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Principal Updates

A. Principal Update - MetLCS K - 8

Principal Davidson discussed the growth in ELA based on the first Interim Assessment. He will send an email today or tomorrow with updates to the dashboard.

A budget summit took place with LHA last week. One budget is based upon staying at the current space and the other budget is based on the addition of the alternative MetCPA space.

Principal Davidson has some staff members who plan to attend the public comments section of next week's Board meeting to advocate for the alternative space.

Aaron Bothner inquired about the MetLCS values he spoke to Principal Davidson about previously. Davidson shared he plans to discuss this with Karin McGuire and Principal Williams.

Bothner inquired about shifts we may anticipate in the budget. Davidson mentioned that he and Tyra will be prepared to share out additional staffing needs for next year such as Special Education teachers.

Jessica Boulet inquired about the Principal evaluations. Karin McGuire stated that any discussion around evaluations would be done during executive session.

B. Principal Update - MetLCS 9 - 11

Principal Williams was not present due to being out for the February break.

III. Governance

A. Governance

Ellen Chen provided an update regarding the Education Committee. The team is working on the dashboard. Each Board member can commit to reviewing on the dashboard prior to the upcoming meeting with comments provided via email.

The computer lab has been set up with the programming. Principal Williams' goal is to begin using the computers. She is looking to see which staff members are going to take

on the computers. Right now the computers are in the business room; the business teacher will be supporting for the time being.

The school pressed paused on the partnership (NAF) that dealt with the computers while things are sorted out with the space.

Shanta Pressley discussed the next steps for the investment policy. The recent call with JP Morgan was discussed. This week's finance call will include further details. The investments are in two accounts; one is cash and the other is mostly US Treasuries. The finance committee is considering a recommendation to shift a bit of the allocation out of cash into bonds which will provide for a lower risk yet more favorable cash position.

IV. Other Business

A. Other Business

Karin McGuire discussed the School Support Visit that happened recently; Karin along with Sarah Gallagher came to MetLCS to explore the academic program.

Courtney Russell shared that the NYC DOE has still not responded regarding the lottery preferences. Aaron Bothner suggested proceeding as if the request will be approved. Russell will speak to Casey Muse about this.

Courtney Russell shared that she spoke with Casey Muse (CTO) about the Board's request to develop the website and what is allowable within the current setup. Some changes may incur additional costs. Jessica Boulet and Ellen Chen will email Russell with potential requests so she can connect with Muse.

Russell highlighted the additional items on the February agenda. Chen inquired about the pros and cons of staying with the current auditor versus pursuing a new one for the future. Shanta Pressley will send a follow up to the Board via email.

Bothner asked all Board members to create their self-evaluation if they have not yet.

The Board will speak to the Nominating Committee and more specifically Kamaria Brisseau to assess the current composition of the Board and what further skills/qualifications/etc. are needed, if any. Ms. Dymah Paige will interview at next week's meeting.

V. 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 8:52 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
C. Russell