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Next Generation Charter Schools

Minutes

MetLCS Board - Monthly Leadership Call

Date and Time
Thursday March 19, 2020 at 12:00 PM

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), E. Chen (remote), J. Boulet (remote), S. Pressley (remote)

Committee Members Absent
A. Khatiwada

Committee Members who arrived after the meeting opened
A. Bothner

Guests Present
C. Russell (remote), K. Davidson (remote), K. McGuire (remote), T. Williams (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 Thursday Mar 19, 2020 at 12:03 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

J. Boulet made a motion to approve the minutes from MetLCS Board - Monthly Leadership Call on 02-18-20.
S. Pressley seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.
A. Bothner arrived.

II. Principal Updates

A. Principal Update - MetLCS K - 8

This time last week K - 8 attendance was in the upper 80's, scholars were in class doing test prep, observations, and more. In the past seven days the school has transitioned to an online learning environment.

Yesterday 275 scholars came in to check out Chromebooks to complete their work. This represents nearly 60% of families. Today the school is opening back up from 3 - 6 for additional distributions.

The operations team has done an incredible job in supporting scholars, families, and the entire school.

Teachers are adapting to the new way of teaching and learning. Everyone is in this together. The team has been approaching it by ensuring scholars have what they need to get started, see what is working and not working, and starting Monday every is all in with more structured forward direction.

B. Principal Update - MetLCS 9 - 11

The team has been using Castle Learning as an instructional resource. Google Classroom is also available however there have been some issues with the system overloading. The school has been working closely with the appropriate parties to ensure the grading system and online platforms are working in tandem.

Principal Williams has been checking in on the overall well-being and health of her teachers. The team has been engaged in Professional Development around what works with key topics such as communication with parents, etc.

The team has worked to ensure all contact information such as phone numbers are current.

III. Other Business

A. Other Business

Aaron shared an update regarding the last four days regarding school closure as related to the Coronavirus. There has been a great deal of collaboration among the school Principals, the Board leadership, and LHA. This will be an ongoing dialogue and the Board welcomes contributions at this time. The Board will continue to think about and discuss how they can best support around governance and otherwise at this time, as well as the long-term focus of the Board.

All stakeholders are considering what resources and supports, in addition to instruction, can be provided to our scholars and their families to ensure they have what they need at this time.

The team will be working to compile and submit materials to the NYC DOE as related to school closure plans, instructional plans, etc. A project plan has been created and shared with the MetLCS team.

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 12:59 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
C. Russell