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Next Generation Charter Schools

Minutes

MetLCS Board - Monthly Leadership Call

Date and Time
Tuesday August 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), S. Pressley (remote)

Committee Members Absent
A. Khanyile, C. Barnes-Watson, J. Boulet

Guests Present
A. Ames (remote), K. Davidson (remote), K. McGuire (remote), M. Rivera (remote), T. Williams (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

A. Bothner led introductions of the Board to introduce to A. Ames

A. Ames introduced herself to members of the Board

B. Call the Meeting to Order

A. Bothner called a meeting of the Governance Committee of Next Generation Charter Schools to order on Tuesday Aug 18, 2020 at 8:10 AM.
A. Bothner outlined the purpose of the meeting and the committee meeting leading up to the Board meeting next week

C. Approve Minutes

Minutes from July Leadership were approved unanimously

II. Principal Updates

A. Principal Update - MetLCS K - 8

- K. Davidson discussed how he priority number one is supporting families and students after the tragic event that happened last week. The second priority is reopening and answering staff and family questions.
- The K-8 is currently fully staffed. However, there are two teachers were are slightly uncomfortable with coming into the building multiple days a week.
- Student orientation begins on Monday. K comes in on Monday and the rest of the grades will cycle in and out the following days of the week. The week after, K-8 will move into the remote environment.

B. Principal Update - MetLCS 9 - 11

- T. Williams gave an update on what students and families are feeling given the recent tragedy
- T. Williams feels that family fear of having their students leave the home will cause families to want to stay home rather than choose a hybrid option
- CPA has been focusing on re-opening primarily
- Parent calls began yesterday to help the staff get a gauge of which families are choosing to be fully remote or hybrid
- Families must make a decision. If a family chooses hybrid, they are allowed to go remote. However, if a family chooses remote, they will not have the opportunity to switch to hybrid until the end of the first quarter
- PDI was paused for two days because of the tragedy. But, teachers are working on scope and sequence and syllabi for students' first semester. Providing this clarity will be extremely helpful for students to feel prepared.
- CPA is fully staffed and staff has not expressed concern about returning to school on 9/14
- Approximately 69-70% were able to pass summer school and receive a Regents extension
- In the Fall, some students will be able to make up Apex work because DOE allowed for more time to complete
- Director of Scholar Support Services is hired and she started yesterday

- The Manager of Academic Operations was hired and will start at the end of August

- A. Khatiwada asked if we have any further guidance on how and what testing is going to look like (and how data is going to be reviewed) over the next few days and weeks
- K. Davidson shared that the only guidance he's gotten is around keeping accurate records and understanding who has been in school when
- A. Bothner asked if there has been any word on what future testing will look like at the schools
- K. Davidson and T. Williams have not heard any news but A. Bothner will send emails to other Board members across NYC to get a gauge of anything they've heard
- A. Bothner approved inviting M. Alston to Board meetings going forward

III. LHA Updates

A. Academics

K. McGuire will update the 30/60/90 plan and add it to the packet

K. McGuire will finish evaluations and send them along so they can be received in Executive Session

B. Facilities

A. Bothner asked about the rooftop ceremony and its status

M. Rivera updated the group to let everyone know that there is no C of O and we can't schedule it until we have that signed off. She will update the board in September after discussing with M. Alston

C. Operations

A. Bothner asked about the status of the audit

M. Rivera and A. Ames said that M. Rousseau will have an update at the Finance committee meeting

A. Bothner asked about the status of the enrollment plan

M. Rivera let the Board know that it will be part of the packet for voting

IV. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

A. Bothner proposed adding a standing agenda item to review the re-entry plan
There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
A. Bothner