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Next Generation Charter Schools

Minutes

MetLCS Board - Monthly Leadership Call

Date and Time
Tuesday November 17, 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), C. Barnes-Watson (remote), E. Chen (remote), J. Boulet (remote)

Committee Members Absent
A. Khanyile, S. Pressley

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

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

J. Boulet called a meeting of the Governance Committee of Next Generation Charter Schools to order on Tuesday Nov 17, 2020 at 8:04 AM.

C. Approve October Leadership Call Minutes

J. Boulet made a motion to approve the minutes from MetLCS Board - Monthly Leadership Call on 10-20-20.
E. Chen seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. Board Meeting Minute Review

A. Principal Updates

K. Davidson shared his update

- that the school is staying around 92% attendance, it's below 95%, but other schools are seeing around a 5-15% drop-off, so we're happy with the results.
- Attendance is rigorous and students must been SEEN to be recorded as present
- The school has 100% accountability for all families so the school continues to be proud of that
- The school is struggling with data accuracy, especially with high stakes testing like IAs.
- Thinking about increasing the frequency of lower stakes testing items
- K. Davidson has also been engaged in ED interviews and school renaming focus groups and surveys

A. Bothner asked if it is a skill or will issue?

K. Davidson shared that it's a bit of both.

J. Boulet asked if there is enough data to draw reasonable conclusions

K. Davidson shared that there is still a lot of data missing, there are is enough preliminary data to create an action plan.

T. Williams shared some of the same sentiments

- The IA window had to be opened again to account for some students who just didn't complete
- Attendance just isn't as good as the lower school, it's a challenge to motivate HS students
- 65 students who have failed two or more classes, so the school is trying to figure out how to conduct parent-teacher conferences because students just aren't showing up

- 26% of students who submitted their college app, less than that submitted their FAFSA application. We continue to work to try to get students engaged.

E. Chen asked what the number of students failing now compares to last year.

- T. Williams shared that it was no where near 65 students, if she had to guess, it'd be around 10-15%

C. Barnes asked how many high school students are working.

- T. Williams shared that it's a hard number to gauge, but it's probably around half of the senior class

J. Boulet asked what is affecting why students are not completing college apps?

- T. Williams thought it'd be a heavy lift regardless, but so many students are first gen and their families don't know how to navigate the process. A lot of this is due to the ineffectiveness of the counselor. She's not building the relationships she needs to. In the neighborhood of the school, building relationships with families is paramount and it just hasn't been happening like it should. I've pulled in additional folks to support with this effort to improve the outcomes.

E. Chen asked when we hired the counselor, did she have experience with what she's doing?

- T. Williams said it's the lack of will to do the job. She's expressed interest in doing something else and she's just not motivated to do her job. Her performance issues were brought to the Board and there was a recommendation for termination and the school was told "No". So, I hope things can improve eventually.

B. 180 W

M. Alston and A. Bothner have been working together on what the next steps are with this. Will discuss further during the Board meeting.

M. Alston confirmed that a representative will be a part of the Board Meeting on Thursday.

C. LHA Updates

A. Ames shared that the wind down plan will not be ready for the whole group but, it will be shared in the coming weeks.

D. Finance

M. Alston will be discussing the new HR/benefits platform along with draft FPPs.

S. Pressley asked if there are any objections to inviting the new financial services company to the board meeting.

No objections.

E. School Naming

A. Bothner asked how K. Davidson was thinking about presenting this to the full board

K. Davidson asked will the decision be able to come to the school, or will it originate from the Board?

A. Bothner shared that it really should come from the school and the community and the Board would step in if there are any "close" contenders.

III. 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 8:53 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. Boulet