MSAAC General Body Meeting
Meeting Minutes

Date: January 15, 2014

Call to Order by MSAAC Chair, Kenya Savage (7:02 PM)
Adjournment: 8:47 PM

Agenda Items
- Opening & Welcome
- Minutes Approval for Posting
- TedTalks Podcast: Rita Johnson; “Every Child Needs a Champion”
- Keynote Presentation: A Conversation with Dr. Edgar B. Hatrick
- Calendar of Events
- Wrap Up and Adjourn

Welcome
- Opened meeting with a welcome from MSAAC Chair
- Introductions around the room
- Representatives from Superintendent Hatrick, LCPS Administration, Principals, Assistant Vice Principals, Teachers, School Board Members, and Parent/Delegates

Meeting Minutes
- October and November minutes were accepted into record- 7:07 PM

A Conversation with Dr. Edgar B. Hatrick; LCPS Superintendent
Below are some quotes from his speech…
- I’ve seen huge change in our county. I’m happy to say that it’s positive and moving in the right direction.
- … it’s moving from good to great. Begin with the end in mind.
- Relationship is what this is all about… (regarding education)
- We set out to find out what were the gaps. MSAAC was about getting together with first hand experience to bring about change. It boiled down to relationships.
- How did students view the teachers? How did teachers view the students? How did parents view the teachers?
- We can’t make changes alone. MSAAC helped us find a way to have a dialog.
- We have to realize the power of our words to help or hurt. There were lots of assumptions.
- Gap between the schoolhouse and the home house.
- It takes everyone to work together.
- We have to individualize curriculum. The hot topic today is the 1-to-1 initiative. (putting a computer in every child’s hand)
- I don’t believe I’ve done a good job telling this story.
- We need to make a commitment in Loudoun County to education at whatever the cost.
- There have been barriers over the years that we’ve created and groups like MSAAC have helped us remove those barriers that don’t make sense.
The gap is not closed. But it has closed.
Parents you have to be at the center of advocating for your children.
We (LCPS) can’t do it alone.
This enterprise is all about the children. Not the adults.
What advice would you give the next superintendent- “Take some time to understand what you have so you know the road is ahead of you.” “Work closely with the community. Get involved.” “Love kids.”

Events
- Academic Achievement Fair- rescheduled
- Gifted and Talented Information Nights:
  - Sully Elementary School, 7 - 8 PM, January 22nd
  - Liberty Elementary School, 7 - 8 PM, January 29th
  - Farmwell Station Middle School, 7 - 8 PM, February 10th
  - Leesburg Elementary School, 7 - 8 PM, February 20th
  - Harmony Middle School, 7 - 8 PM, February 24th
  - Creighton’s Corner Elementary School, 7 - 8 PM, February 26th
- GAP Year Fair- February 16, 2014; 2-4 PM; Champe High School
- 1st Loudoun Regional Math Tournament- March 22nd; Dominion Trail Elementary
- March 19, MSAAC Meeting- “Building Educational Support for Youth in Foster Care”- Christine Carmouze, Foster Parent Trainer and Recruiter. Loudoun County Foster Care and Adoption Department of Family Services.
- GPS Fair, March 26. Dominion High School. 6:30 - 8:30 PM.
- Board of Supervisors Meeting; Board Room in the LCPS Government Center. Go to: http://va-loudouncounty.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/Index/11223
- School Board Meetings. Go to: http://lcps.org/Page/1629

Resources

Action Items
- Parents/Delegates: please fill out the LCPS Budget form. Be heard and advocate for your child!
- Parent/Delegates please download the meeting summary under the Meeting Summaries link on the web site http://www.lcps.org/Page/117454 and email to your principal and PTO
- Email the MSAAC Secretary at dcaulk@modalinc.com with your email address so that you can be added to the MSAAC email list
- Stay up to date via:
  - Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/loudounmsaac
  - MSAAC LCPS web site: http://www.lcps.org/Page/1494
  - Email list