MSAAC General Body Meeting
Meeting Minutes

Date: November 19, 2014

Call to Order by MSAAC Chairman, Zerell Johnson-Welch (7:00 PM)
Adjournment: 9:03 PM

Agenda Items

- Opening & Welcome
- Acknowledge LCPS Administrators, School Board members, Teachers, and Staff
- Minutes - October
- Cluster report
- LCPS Commitment to Improve Our Schools Performance Outcomes - A candid discussion about the English Language Learner and Language Diversity in the Classroom. Guest Speakers - Tim Flynn, Director of Instructional Services, Teresa Vignaroli - ELL Supervisor, and Shannon Caine, Teacher Sugar Land Elementary
- Dr. Tyler Data Presentation on the Achievement Gap
- Events and Announcements
- Wrap Up and Adjourn

Welcome

- Opened meeting with a welcome from MSAAC Chair
- Representatives include LCPS Administration, Principals, Assistant Vice Principals, Teachers, School Board Members, and Parent/Delegates

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- October meeting minutes presented to the General Body and approved into the record

Cluster Report

- Membership update notification - creating an official master list

Diversity Conversation

- Loudoun population growth - 1990 (87000) vs 2010 (315000)
- One decade exploded in diversity - Asian, Hispanic, and AfAm

LCPS Commitment to Improve Our Schools Performance Outcomes - A candid discussion about the English Language Learner and Language Diversity in the Classroom - Tim Flynn

- What is the data telling us?
- 40 different languages in LCPS
- Federal and State accountability
- Focus schools - Title 1 school - data shows up in the bottom 10% of LCPS
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- Where are we as a school system?
- Gap performance- set scores by sub-group- show progress towards closing gaps; it’s not a sub-group in relation to white students
- Federal measurable achievements
- LCPS is above the state average in every category; however we are below in the area of ELL
- Is our delivery of service where we want it to be? No.
- Federal graduation index: H.S. students measurement for graduation. In LCPS didn’t make the grade with our ELL students
- LCPS drop out rate is less than 3% overall, about 17% for our ELL students
- 11% projected growth of ELL students for next year
- Focus schools have improved some with double digit numbers (SOL scores for Math grades 3-5)
- The expertise is in our ELL team
- Where do we go?- LCPS ELL Advisory Group
- Created multi-year program; identify best practices in areas such as California
- Goals: Consistency in screening; opportunities for dual certification of teachers; all teachers will receive training in inclusion and co-teaching best practices; dedicated programs for middle and high school students; establish a staffing plan that includes flexibility; develop a comprehensive framework that integrates state requirements
- ELL caseload- 59:1; that load is too high- that has been reduced to 39:1
- Barriers- Teresa Vignaroli- ELL Supervisor
  - What barriers have your ELL students encountered in your schools?
  - An interactive poll was conducted online
  - Language, Cultural, and System barriers
- What did we learn at Sugarland?- Shannon Caine, Teacher Sugar Land Elementary
  - Building background knowledge is important
  - Visualization is important- the word plus the real thing if available like an apple
  - We do a lot of assessments
  - We analyze the data

Presentation on the Achievement Gap- Dr. Tyler
- John Hattie summarized research across hundreds of studies over the last few decades
- Motivation, concentration, and parent involvement
- Activity on Motivation and Goal Setting- from the Parent Institute

Announcements/Events
- No December meeting
- MSAAC- January, 21, 2014- Help LCPS Build a Diverse Pool of Educators- Guest Speakers, Dr. Kimberly Hough, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, LCPS and Dr. Asia Jones, Director of Personnel Services, LCPS
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- MSAAC Achievement Fair and Symposium - Saturday April 18, 2015, Tuscarora High School, Leesburg- Volunteers Needed.

Action Items
- Parent/Delegates please download the meeting summary under the Meeting Summaries/ PowerPoint Presentations link on the web site http://www.lcps.org/Page/117454 and email to your principal and PTO- please wait a day or so for the summary to be posted
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