

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

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- 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.

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- 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

- Loudoun County School Budget Updates: <http://www.loudoun.gov/index.aspx?NID=2857>

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