

MSAAC General Body Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Date: February 19, 2014

Call to Order by MSAAC Vice, Co-Chair, Jaime Johnson (7:09 PM)

Adjournment: 8:58 PM

Agenda Items

- Opening & Welcome
- Minutes Approval for Posting
- Talk About the Town
- Cluster Table Breakout
- Calendar of Events
- Wrap Up and Adjourn

Welcome

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

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- January meeting minutes were accepted into record- 7:10 PM

Talk About the Town

Cluster updates...

- Dominion and Park View have done a great job with their math gains. As a focus school they were recognized in the newspaper today.
- Parent/Speaker series coming to Freedom HS cluster elementary schools
- Tolbert Elementary school parent/teacher night
- Mr. Heritage competition; Les Mis at Heritage HS
- Tuscarora HS Potomac District Basketball
- Little Mermaid at Blue Ridge M.S. Feb. 28th weekend; 20/20 club; weekly activity club/homework club
- PTSO Silent Auction this Saturday at 7PM
- 3 new principals- Rosa Lee Carter, Waterford and Lucketts
- Mrs. Ackerman- Dr. Brewer did a professional development activity for elementary school principals during the principals' meeting today

Cluster Table Breakout

Cluster updates...

- Identify 5-6 needs within your Cluster that can benefit from the FY15 Proposed School Board Budget
 - recruitment of high quality teachers
 - reduction of classroom size; particularly elementary schools

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- building technology skills
- bring the late bus back
- possibility of opening schools on saturday to support our students who need more instruction
- bandwidth continues to be an issue in schools. if we're moving to more technology then we need more bandwidth.
- Identify 2 questions within your Cluster for the Superintendent Search based on the criteria posted on the web site
 - how do we keep loudoun on the top and be competitive across the nation?
 - ELL- receiving students at 16 without any English- what program can we place them in where they can be immersed into the language?
 - what is your vision for achieving all of these points and how would you implement them?
 - what type of inclusion programs would you create?
 - how do you handle opposition?
 - what type of training will you will be providing to teachers? particularly special needs students.
 - how do you plan to keep the momentum?
 - with the declining budget what do you plan to do to keep us on target?

Events

- Academic Achievement Fair- at Tuscarora HS; April 19
- Gifted and Talented Information Nights:
 - 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
- Feb. 26 and 27, March 1 School Board public meetings
- 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
- Relay for Life- May 17, NZone in Chantilly, VA
- Science and Engineering Festival, April 26 and 27, at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Washington, DC. Free of charge.

Resources

- Loudoun County School Budget Updates:
http://www.loudountimes.com/news/article/school_board_lashes_out_after_unorthodox_supervisor_request_for_budget_c123
- LEA Day of Action regarding the budget: <http://jotformpro.com/form/40365204077954>
- Arc of Loudoun- great resource for students with special needs-

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<http://www.paxtoncampus.org/the-arc-of-loudoun/>

Action Items

- 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