

MSAAC General Body Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Date: March 19, 2014

Call to Order by MSAAC Chairman, Kenya Savage (7:09 PM)

Adjournment: 8:52 PM

Agenda Items

- Opening & Welcome
- Minutes Approval for Posting
- Talk About the Town
- “Building Educational Support for Youth in Foster Care” – Ms. Christine Carmouze, Foster Care Parent Trainer & Recruiter, Loudoun County Foster Care and Adoption, Department of Family Services
 - Stats and impacts of students in foster care within LCPS; the needs within the schools to sensitize them and assist in their successes; breakdown of minority groups; actual (foster placed) versus “waiting”
 - Define and link educational component to create awareness in MSAAC community of this minority group and provide information for Admin teams of the importance and inclusion of this group when designing C&I for students
- MSAAC Fair
- Nomination Committee – parent delegates
- Calendar of Events
- Wrap Up and Adjourn

Welcome

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

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- February meeting minutes were accepted into record- 7:17 PM

Talk About the Town

Cluster updates...

- Stemmer Day, this Saturday at Liberty
- Family Arts Night, at Harmony 6-9 PM
- Grease Jr. at Stone Ridge
- Regional Science Fair at Tuscarora on Saturday

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Foster Care Presentation

Ms. Christine Carmouze, Foster Care Parent Trainer & Recruiter

- 58 children in care in Loudoun County
- 17 are in LCPS, others are not school age or in residential programs or outside of Loudoun County
- More homes are needed in Loudoun, when the children are outside of Loudoun, they are away from their friends which can cause issues
- Kids that are in foster care typically due to safety issues or instability in their homes
- 1 or 2 transitions a year, this impacts the kids and the schools. The kids are hyper-alert about safety issues.
- Foster kids of high school age are twice as likely to drop out
- Socialization difficulties, learning at the same level as their peers drop
- Teachers should be mindful of maintaining the students dignity by treating them like other students who are not in foster care
- Often times the older students need guidance- a mentor
- More information can be found at: <http://www.loudoun.gov/index.aspx?nid=1004>

20xx Club Presentation

Principal & Dean, Blue Ridge Middle School

- Creating a relationship to change a student's mindset
- Adopted at Eagle Ridge in 2005
- For under-represented youth
- College/career prep, mentorship
- 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens
- MSAAC Elections and Nominating Committee- May; a nominating committee and committee chair has been created
 - Ray Bugnosen, Chairman, Legacy (rbugnosen@gmail.com)
 - Kasey McFate, Lucketts
 - Andrea Bates, Lucketts
 - Andrea Jones, Liberty

Events

- GPS Fair, March 26. Dominion High School. 6:30 - 8:30 PM
- Science and Engineering Festival, April 26 and 27, at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Washington, DC. Free of charge.
- Relay for Life- May 17, NZone in Chantilly, VA

Resources

- Loudoun County Foster Care and Adoption: <http://www.loudoun.gov/index.aspx?nid=1004>
- 15-20 minute presentation www.casey.org/resources/initiatives/Endlessdreams/ (created for educators caring for foster children)
- Carol Dweck, book on Mindset:
<http://www.amazon.com/Mindset-The-New-Psychology-Success/dp/0345472322/ref=sr>

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

Action Items

- All of those interested in running for an MSACC Exectutive position please email your resume and position of interest to Ray Bugnosen at rbugnosen@gmail.com
- 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