

STEM Magnet Academy
Local School Council
Wednesday, January 11, 2017 (5:15pm)
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

Mrs. Sadika Langston called the LSC Meeting to order at 5:17pm.

Roll Call

Roll Call was taken and quorum was established.

The following members were present at the meeting either in person or via telephone:

Dr. Maria J. McManus
Ms. Cutina R. Anderson
Ms. Zakiya Libby-Williams
Mrs. Tarita Brantley
Mrs. Deana Caccavale
Mrs. Sadika Langston
Mr. Daryl Harper (phone)

The following members were absent from the meeting:

Mrs. Danielle McLaurin
Mr. Ben Williams

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The November 2, 2016 Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved.

Closed Session

LSC members moved to closed session to discuss the vacant parent seat on the 2016-2018 STEM Local School Council.

Parent Vacancy

Mr. David Sanders was the only candidate to submit an application for the vacant seat. Mr. Sanders addressed the council, sharing his interest in becoming a parent representative on the STEM LSC.

Mr. Sanders was unanimously elected to the council.

Reports

Chair: (no report)

Principal's Report:

- Dr. McManus presented the internal accounts balance sheet and cash disbursements for the following months:
October (\$112,970.16-Balance) (\$10,987.13-Disbursements)
November (\$109,802.59-Balance) (\$20,450.07-Disbursements)
December (\$108,649.53-Balance) (\$5,679.56-Disbursements)
- Dr. McManus discussed the 2017 STEM Annual Appeal. This is a school fundraiser that allows parents to make a one-time contribution or an ongoing contribution to the school throughout 2017. Money raised from the Annual Appeal will be used to support Science, Technology, Engineering and Math in the following ways: curriculum, updated/new technology, classroom resources and/or staff positions

CIWP:

- Ms. Anderson, Mrs. McGrane and Mrs. McLaurin presented the mid-year update of the 2016-2018 CIWP
- Each teacher presented on one of the following strategies (3) school-wide strategies:
 - Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) – MTSS is a district-wide initiative. The goal is to develop solid intervention strategies to support struggling learners and challenge high achievers. Student interventions are tracked through a CPS established system and updated/monitored bi-monthly by teachers. Teachers attend regular CPS sponsored professional development to assist with MTSS.
 - Instructional Leadership Team (ILT) – STEM seeks to establish a fully functioning ILT. The goal of the ILT is to increase school leaders' and develop and support shared and distributed leadership practices in a results-focused learning environment.
 - Positive Behavior Intervention Plan (PBIS) – STEM seeks to establish and implement a school-wide PBIS. Teachers have expressed a growing concern with student misconduct and how to best monitor that. STEM teachers have attended network and district professional development session on PBIS.
- An updated copy of the CIWP will be emailed to all LSC members.

PPLC: (no report)

Friends of STEM:

- Holiday Shoppe (12.12.16-12.16.16)
 - Kids were excited about the Holiday Shoppe
 - Did not generate a lot of revenue
 - Revamping for the next school year
- Fundraisers Discussed:
 - SWAG and Shop
 - Sweetheart Dance
 - Movie Nights
 - Bling Shirt
 - Untapped (04.06.17)
 - Auction Items
 - Teacher Involvement

Old Business

- Principal Evaluation
 - LSC members should select a date to meet in closed session to discuss principal evaluation
 - Dr. McManus will send out a Survey Doodle to determine the best date for the council to meet
 - Meeting date options are: 02.06, 02.08, 02.13, and 02.15

New Business

- Student Behavior-Redirection and Consequences
 - Examples of inappropriate behavior
 - Students being jumped on
 - Students being stabbed with pencils and pens
 - Issues amongst 6th grade students
 - Teachers and Administration are aware of some issues, but there are others that they cannot address because they are not aware
 - Ensure that discipline is consistent across the board
 - Teachers are attending PBIS professional development and plan to meet to create a STEM-wide PBIS plan
 - LSC teacher representative will report back to the LSC on the progress of PBIS at STEM

Public Participation

- Mrs. Blake: Homework and parent suggestions.
- Mrs. Williams: Implement a 3 strikes and you are out rule for student misconduct, parent academy and include apps in updates.
- Mrs. Harper: There is a session at the beginning of the school year that goes over rules/expectations with students. Have the same session throughout the school year.
- Mrs. Gulley: STEM is fair and implements due process with all students. Parents need to trust staff and administration.

Announcements

The next LSC meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2017 at 5:15pm.

Adjournments

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.

Submitted by:

Mrs. Tarita Brantley
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LSC Secretary