

MEETING AGENDA & NOTES

Present	Micah Valentine
	Berra Byrd
	Stephanie Byrd
	Brian McKay
	Sam Sims
	Lienne Medford
	Elizabeth Driscoll
	Daniel Lumm
	Suzanne Turner
	Miranda Horton
	Terri Kittel
	English department faculty
	Rob Venable
David Wooten	
Absent	Allison Farr
	Linda Melcher

MEETING NOTES

Meeting began at

MOTION: APPROVE AGENDA

- Motion by Brian
- Seconded by Dr. Medford
- Approved

MOTION: APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- Motion by Micah
- Seconded by Brian
- Approved

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

- Review of staff, objectives, and resources
- Things the ELA Department is Loving
 - Freedom to teach
 - Needs are met

LANGSTON SCHOOL BOARD

Meeting notes | 12.14.2021

- Student first approach
- What makes Langston different
 - Trust
 - Family atmosphere
 - Personal responsibility
 - No micromanaging
- The English department gave an assessment of where students are academically. The department acknowledged that students are having to re-learn many basic skills.
- Needs/Wants
 - More iPads

REPORTS

- Stephanie Byrd
 - The depreciation mentioned during the last meeting were basic items/necessities, not the building
 - Technology services were over budget due to the purchase of iPads.
 - Discussed the adjustment from Greenville County, which includes an estimated extra \$27,000 per student. (From 279,000.36 to 304,768.27) 45 day adjustment
 - Wooten also stated that Langston received \$2,400 for a science funds which will be used for scales
- David Wooten, Principal
 - Reviewed and explained the SC READY / PASS Scores for the 2020/2021 school year.
 - Emphasized the Langston still achieved high scores after Covid.
 - Stephanie Byrd encouraged administration to share the scores with the teachers
 - Discussed what it looks like for Langston closing the achievement gap
 - Discussed Board Training
 - Listed the board members who have not received board training and encouraged them to get trained as soon as possible.
 - Lumm reached out to Greg Abel, the former principal, to find the proper resources for the training.
 - Science tables and desks were put together by parent volunteers. Habitat for Humanity was able to collect the old desks.
 - Covid numbers reviews
 - After Thanksgiving 6 new cases
 - Currently at zero cases.
 - Science Storage Room Update
 - Parent coming to measure Thursday, December 16th.
 - Math received new calculators and wrote the board a thank you letter.
 - Spanish Department received new headphones
 - D.C. Trip Review
 - 100 students signed up this year
 - Christmas Party update

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- Location - Hallowed Earth Pottery and Craft Axe Throwing at the Hampton Commons
- Stocking Stuffers Update
 - Do not have total amount yet
- Spanish Department
 - Not able to purchase all resources that were requested, but possibly can revisit the budget next March.
- Girls Uniform Update
 - Girls are now allowed to wear leggings.
- Informed the board that we do not have a standardized way to measure Spanish scores.
- Lienne Medford
 - Informed the board that Converse did not have students available for student teaching
- Daniel Lumm
 - No report
- Sam Sims
 - Backyard Project Update
 - Two Options were presented
 - Gray Engineering offered their services for zero cost
 - The property was built in phases causing concern for expansion.
 - Discussed the size/location of the existing catch basin located in the field behind the gym, limiting where Langston could expand.
 - Discussed the location of the cell phone tower property
 - Discussed the differences in Option 1 and Option 2 in further detail.
 - Both options are “bulldozing” the majority of the backyard project, providing the possibility of fixing pipes and repairing equipment/yard.
 - Discussed the scale and timeline of getting the project done.
 - January - Engineers need design and bid
 - Feb/March - Permitting and work on pipes.
 - June - would need to start construction right after school ends.
 - Canopy will cost \$100,000 and will not cause damage to surrounding area
 - Exploring options on how to get kids from building A to building B.
 - Discussed the possibility of formation of subcommittees to help the process.
 - David and Terri are members of the subcommittee and will explore the best approach moving forward on the project.
- Micah Valentine
 - No report

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

MOTION: ADJOURN MEETING

- Motion made by Micah
- Seconded by Turner
- Approved

Next meeting January 11, 2022 at 6:00 pm