

MEETING AGENDA & NOTES

Members Present:	Micah Valentine Berra Byrd Sam Sims Stephanie Byrd Elizabeth Driscoll Daniel Lumm Allison Farr Greg Abel Lienne Medford Suzanne Turner (remote)
Absent:	David Wooten Brian Smith

Task	Responsibility	Due Date
Invite Alison Thompson to report fundraising progress to board next month	Greg	3.1.21
Share communication about attendance decisions and reasoning regularly as a reminder	Greg	2.22.21

MEETING NOTES

Meeting began at 6:00

AGENDA AND MINUTES

- Meeting agenda approved
- Past meeting minutes approved with amended notes
 - Adjust second vote: 8/6

MEETING UPDATES

REPORTS

- Greg Abel, Principal
 - PSAT Round 2 completed
 - Preparing for Individual Graduation Plan (IGP) meetings for 8th graders

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- Registration driven by high school choices
- Give course recommendations, instructions for registration, and a brief discussion of career guidance
- May complete virtually (Mr. Abel, Mr. Wooten, Ms. Nelson)
- Completed virtual intake conferences
 - Bigger groups than usual but virtual made it manageable
 - May be a good way to do parent information meetings in the fall as well
 - Acceptance process in progress
- School illnesses
 - 15 students quarantining
 - Full time virtual students stayed the same
 - 1 staff member out
- More classes leading virtually with live instruction
 - Close to full attendance between in person and virtual
 - Core classes are leading sessions
- Greenville County Cares Act Funds
 - Have received all iPads and equipment ordered
 - May be a new charter school interested in purchasing old rather than sending back to Apple
 - Continuing to receive state-supplied PPE
- Lienne Medford, Academic Affairs
 - No report
- Daniel Lumm, Governance
 - No report
- Sam Sims, Facilities
 - Completing Eagle Scout Archery Project
- Brian Smith, Treasurer (not present)
 - Accountants are working on streamlining the accounting/payroll process
 - Invite Alison Thompson to report fundraising progress to board next month

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- Hybrid Learning
 - Calculation method for community spread was changed
 - Molly Spearman rescinded guidelines for school districts and stated 5 mitigation strategies and school staffing should guide individual school decisions
 - Greg contacted DHEC and received call from Chief Medical Officer for COVID for DHEC; explained that we cannot do 3 feet of distancing in 11 classrooms with full attendance; DHEC said governor and Molly Spearman's statement is to not worry about community spread but use

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- mitigating factors; he advised that it sounds like we are doing the right thing and would be cautious to do anything different now regarding attendance.
- We have a parent who is a DHEC contact tracer who advised that Langston seems to be making smart decisions
- Have heard from parents who want to be back fulltime
- Others think consistency without disruption is better than disruption
- Governor and Molly Spearman's words are important, but their qualifiers don't demand a change in direction given facility limitations.
- CDC recommends cohorts and alternating schedules (like Langston is doing)
- If Langston has more in a classroom and cannot distance, will need to send all students who were in close proximity to an infected student to quarantine for 10 days
- At last meeting, we decided we were not discussing this monthly, but the calculation formula changed
- Agreed that the 10% threshold is a valid trigger to consider larger attendance numbers.
- Do not know all of the other schools not at full attendance levels. Currently, at least 2 other local charters are virtual or hybrid.
- If Langston is in a position to go back, favor 4 instead of 5 days as teachers are doing a great deal of work to mix instruction for live and virtual
- We are not set up for full time virtual for upcoming years
- One staff member has received vaccine at this point
- Reinforce that Langston is following one way traffic, no water fountains (except bottles), and one person in most restrooms
- Share communication about attendance decisions and reasoning regularly
- May need discussions about continuing future-forward thinking about classroom, teacher, and student technology before future Cares Act funding becomes available
- Next meeting is March 8, 2021 at 6:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:02pm