

MEETING AGENDA & NOTES

Present:	Micah Valentine
	Elizabeth Driscoll
	Daniel Lumm
	Allison Farr
	Suzanne Turner
	Stephanie Byrd
	Berra Byrd
	Lienne Medford
	Sam Sims
	Greg Abel
	David Wooten
	Shelly Lewis (guest)
	Jennifer Burns (guest)

MEETING NOTES

Meeting began at 6:00

AGENDA AND MINUTES

- Meeting agenda and minutes approved

MEETING UPDATES

REPORTS

- Greg Abel, Principal
 - End of year Testing
 - PASS and SC Ready testing will begin in 3 weeks (must be in last 20 days of school)
 - ELA and Math for all grades
 - Science for 6th grade
 - English I end of course testing does not exist anymore
 - Algebra I end of course testing will take place in May
 - Test is graded at state and sent back within 36 hours
 - Will count for 10% of grade (in past was 20%)
 - Must take in person

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- Contacting virtual students by phone to share schedules and hope to get 100% attendance
- All testing is electronic
- Have expended Cares Act funding and accountants are finalizing
 - Additional Coronavirus Relief Funding (\$25,000) will be supplied
 - Supposed to be spent by September
 - District is looking for commitments on spending by end of June
 - Money is divided by district per school on per pupil basis
- Receiving quotes to refresh staff computers (currently over 3 years old)
 - Have been using HP computers and they have been great but have supply issue
 - Asking for quotes from additional vendors
 - Have one quote for approximately \$22,000 for 36 machines with 1 year warranties
 - This funding may be able to support this purchase but it is otherwise budgeted as well
 - Will need to purchase before summer to have computers prepared for fall 2021
- Possible consideration for funding is for replacement radios
 - Oldest radios are 13 years old
 - \$265/radio; less than \$10,000 total
 - Need 35 radios
 - Used in every classroom/by each teacher as school's PA system
 - Do not need to rush purchase
- Benefits
 - For retirement system, Langston is its own entity
 - State determined all Charter schools Langston must be their own entity for insurance benefits as well
 - Board must vote to become a separate entity
 - Goal is to make this effective July 1, start of fiscal year
 - Everything currently in place will stay the same and current insurance use (deductible) stays the same
 - Will generate new employer number for Langston and new employee insurance card for all
 - District legal team says it has to be done
 - If we choose not to move forward, school employees will lose insurance and school will have to go to open market to find benefits
 - Service fee to district will go away but the benefits with the state will stay the same
 - New employees would self-select benefits just as today
 - Instead of paying the district for benefits, will pay directly
 - Will need to identify a staff member to be the insurance contact to remind the staff of open enrollment and to make necessary changes as well as approve changes
- COVID-19 Updates
 - Since returning to 4-day per week attendance, we have not seen an increase in cases

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- There are still cases, but no spike
 - 31 students are working virtually
 - 2 students are currently quarantining
 - Board election
 - Scheduled for week of May 4
 - Announcements are in place
- Lienne Medford, Academic Affairs
 - All 4 doctoral candidates defended and will graduate in May
 - May have 2 more teachers start in August
- Daniel Lumm, Governance
 - No report
- Sam Sims, Facilities
 - No report
 - Shelly Lewis interested in donating a boulder for sponsorship
 - Send to Alison Thompson for consideration
- Micah Valentine, Financials
 - Reports shared
 - Goal is to get a budget in place by the end of summer after new board is in place for board elections
 - May be important to have budget in place for audit

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- MOTION: Langston Charter Middle School makes a motion to be a participant in the state insurance benefits program.
 - 9 in favor
- MOTION: Langston Charter Middle School makes a motion to request funds from the Langston Foundation to spend up to \$10,000 plus tax to replace existing radios for the school's public address system.
 - 9 in favor
- Have taken questions from individuals interested in running for board and have directed them to self-nomination form
 - Voting will be conducted via email
 - Parents (per 1 child at Langston) and staff vote
- Next scheduled meeting is May 11, 2021 at 6:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm