

MEETING AGENDA & NOTES

Present:	Micah Valentine Elizabeth Driscoll Daniel Lumm Allison Farr Greg Abel Suzanne Turner Stephanie Byrd Berra Byrd (remote) Brian Smith Alison Thompson (guest) Amy Ashley (guest) Jennifer Burns (guest)
Absent:	Lienne Medford David Wooten Sam Sims

Task	Responsibility	Due Date
Make corrections/revisions to February board meeting notes and share with Micah/Greg	Allison	3.12.21
Determine and communicate date and process for board election	Greg/Micah	3.15.21

MEETING NOTES

Meeting began at 6:00

AGENDA AND MINUTES

- Meeting agenda and minutes approved

MEETING UPDATES

REPORTS

- Greg Abel, Principal
 - IGP Meetings

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- 100% of IGP meetings with 100% parent attendance completed last week virtually
- Parent feedback: appreciated virtual; it may be a good option to provide in the future even if in person is offered
- South Carolina Charter Schools Association (Carol Aust) asked for Langston to host a meeting of the Upstate charter schools next week; will have other principals in the building; provide support to new administrators; we are the only district charter school in the local area (others are state, other local, or Erskine charter)
 - Our charter with the county is through 2029 and will be up for a 10-year renewal at that time
- Student Attendance related to COVID-19
 - January was bad
 - February started bad but improved
 - Between last board meeting and this one, 20 students were quarantined because they were ill or someone in the house was
 - Had none last week and only 2 this week so far
 - Percent positive rate continues to improve; currently at medium level
 - On track to open to 4-day in person on Monday
 - Communication
 - Traffic information
 - Met with SROs to prepare to work traffic light to get cars out starting on Monday
 - Teachers are working to prepare classrooms
 - Seating charts
 - Will be shared with Greg for more deliberate contact tracing
 - Adjusted lunch vendors
 - Culvers, Chick-fil-a, Chuys, Firehouse will be options; will start some next week and some the week after
 - Mostly positive feedback about return
 - Students going virtual: 4 parents said definitely, 2 students shared they were but haven't heard from parents
 - Total: 32 (plus possible 2) will be virtual
 - Some parents who have been virtual have asked if they can come back if infection rates continue declining and Greg has agreed
 - Has shared with all parents who have been virtual fulltime that it will not be an option next school year; virtual charters are an option and the Greenville County virtual option will open to see what interest there is in April
 - Volunteer status will change at some point but not immediately; plan for next year is to return to regular volunteer process
 - Board elections
 - Timeline: interest meeting at 5:30 on April 13
 - Self nomination forms are posted April 14
 - Election is usually last week in May

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- Will publish available seats when the interest meeting is shared
- Currently, some are serving whose term expired last year as the charter association allowed terms to continue
- Lienne Medford, Academic Affairs
 - Absent
 - On Friday, 4 teachers will complete doctoral defenses
- Daniel Lumm, Governance
 - No report
- Sam Sims, Facilities
 - Absent
 - Landscaping work happening and repairs on irrigation systems
- Brian Smith, Treasurer
 - Distributed balance sheet, profit and loss, and COVID Funding detail
 - Nothing of note
 - Have completed consolidated accounting so now have a single file
 - We had a payroll file and a second accounting file
 - Journal entries were not perfect
 - Created duplication of work
 - Shifted beginning in January 2021 so employee W-2s are all on one calendar year
 - Will start budget process in April
- Alison Thompson to share foundation update
 - Refinanced mortgage on building at 2.31%; it will be paid off on July 1, 2033
 - Have a CD at Southern First of \$308,000; will mature at the end of March; interest rate has continued to decrease; will discuss at April Foundation Board Meeting
 - Building student directory (historically \$6,000-\$7,000)
 - Golf tournament will be in October (historically \$13,000); many business sponsors attend
 - Added 3 new blood drive events and have had great attendance
 - Next one will be May 1, 2021
 - Seeking a food truck to be there
 - Will be almost \$6,000 per year
 - Has been a strange year with little contact with parents but still averaging almost \$15,000/month; 198 families donated this year

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- Vacancy issue for board
 - Currently at 9 members
 - If board drops to 9 members, need to require special election
 - By-laws may require board to be at 10-13 members

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- Brian Smith resigned and will provide in writing
- Daniel review of by-laws
 - Schedule a special election to be held within 30 days to fill term of vacated membership until term would have ended
 - Officer positions can be appointed by the president until the next election
 - Board members can be officers but don't have to be; officers are appointed by board but do not have to be board members
 - Timelines given in by-laws for elections and notice are not possible (within 30 days/with 30 days notice)
- Can hold general board election as early as reasonably possible; first week of May
- May not need to hold interim election to fill empty seats
- Will update board self-nomination form and communicate election next week
- Amy Ashley and Jennifer Burns observed the meeting and asked questions:
 - How did MAP testing done at home in fall compare to previous numbers? There was not a significant decline for existing students. Did not do MAP testing in spring 2020. There may not be MAP testing in spring 2021, but will do PASS and SC Ready testing. They must be done onsite.
 - Will Langston follow Greenville County 2021-22 school calendar? The intent is to follow it.
 - Who maintains the website? The school maintains the website.
 - Would like to do something special for 8th graders; could be parent or teacher-led
 - In the past, an 8th grade dance has taken place that was not school sponsored but parent-led
 - Challenge is that tours and other options are not open
 - Amy could gather parents to brainstorm
- Jennifer Burns expressed interest in joining the board
 - Self-nomination form was submitted
- Next meeting is April 13, 2021 at 6:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm