

## **Ascend Leadership Academy Board Meeting Agenda**

12/19/17

Members Present: D. Draughon, S. Gatlin, E. Arrington, J. Smith, A. Fonke, L. Malone

Non-Members Present: C. Draughon

Members Absent: K. Mellette

Call to Order: 6:30 pm, Meeting called to order by D. Draughon

- 1. November Meeting Minutes Approval:** J. Smith shared with board members the November board meeting minutes prior to meeting for their review. D. Draughon made a motion to approve the November minutes. J. Smith seconded. Motion approved unanimously.
- 2. Facility Update**
  - a. Schoolhouse Development Agreement: C. Draughon gave an update regarding the letter of intent we have agreed to with School House development. C. Draughon described the nature of the relationship and that they have agreed to fund our facility down payment of \$60,000 for Harvey Faulk property and provide \$50,000 in startup expenses. J. Smith signed letter of intent based on authority given to him by board at November meeting.
  - b. Harvey Faulk Facility Update: Sellers of Harvey Faulk property have agreed to an addendum that includes an environmental assessment and closing date of Jan. 15th. The 501c3 needs to come through to proceed with closing. If not, it is the seller's option to proceed. C. Draughon confident that we will be able to proceed if we don't receive 501c3 by Jan. 15th. D. Draughon made a motion to allow J. Smith to go forward with addendum with seller to include changes mentioned by C. Draughon. Seconded by L. Malone.
  - c. Vance Charter site visit -- School House Development is really motivated to proceed with facility development after visit. C. Draughon will make introductions to Hubrich Construction and American South.
- 3. October Minutes Amendment**
  - a. Charter Application Amendments -- Discussion over the 30 day window for applicants. Start and end times. We will retract amend request and keep our application period from Jan. 1st to Feb. 28th. Our time will be spent marketing. We need to reach as many families as possible.
- 4. Lottery/Admissions**
  - a. Policy addition (preferences for Siblings and families from other charters)

- b. Application/Enrollment Timeline: J. Smith shared update on the enrollment timeline and application period. He mentioned that a lot of people are hearing and inquiring more about the opening. Harnett County residents have shown more interest than anticipated. J. Smith shared a new proposal for our Lottery/Admissions policy. The new policy to include the following priorities for our enrollment lottery based on general statute:
  - Current Charter school students who do not offer 6-12 grades to admissions priority list
  - Board staff children
  - Sibling preference (Year 2)
  - Sibling preference for same entry. One surname entered.D. Draughon made a motion to accept the updated Admissions policy. S. Gatlin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **5. Marketing Calendar**

- a. January Schedule of Events: J. Smith has compiled a calendar of events for marketing purposes. This includes a Jan. 20th Civic Center meeting where all board members are expected to attend.
- b. January 20th Informational Meeting: Will take place at 2 pm at the Civic Center in Sanford. All board members expected to attend.

#### **6. Topics for Consideration**

- a. Uniforms -- Board discussed the possibility of uniforms. Members shared their philosophies. Board asked Mr. Smith to draft a policy and we will vote on policy in January.
- b. Athletics -- Board agreed that offering athletics is important for our program. Mr. Smith is going to start getting costs of facilities, uniforms, operations, etc.

#### **7. Employment Application Process**

- a. Employment Application -- Board moved agenda item to the Jan. meeting
- b. Employment process--Board moved agenda item to the Jan. meeting
- c. Recruitment--Board moved agenda item to the Jan. meeting

**D. Draughon moved to adjourn meeting. J. Smith seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Adjourned: 7:45 pm