

## **ALA Board Meeting 10/24/18**

**Location:** 283 Harvey Faulk Road, Sanford NC 27332

**Members Present:** A. Fonke, E Arrington, S. Gatlin, L. Malone

**Members Absent:** D. Draughon

**Non-Members Present:** Jennifer Lewis, C. Draughon (Charter Success), J. Smith (Director)

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by L. Malone.

### **Agenda:**

1. **Approval of September Meeting minutes:** The September Meeting minutes were sent to Board members prior to the meeting. S. Gatlin made a motion to accept meeting minutes as written. Seconded by L. Malone. Motion passed unanimously.
2. **Administrative Report:** J. Smith gave the administrative report based on the topics listed below. Summary is included.
  - a. **General:** The 6th grade is holding steady at 85 students. The 7th grade has had two students withdraw and anticipate another. We will look to add students off the 7th grade waitlist to compensate. Lee County is in the Federal Disaster Area for Hurricane Florence. There is current legislation in the General Assembly that would forgive counties in the District for the days missed from school. The temporary certificate of occupancy was replaced by the permanent Certificate of Occupancy and received on October 12th.
  - b. **Student Achievement:** Benchmarks are scheduled and we have begun reading assessments with Moby Max. 6th Grade has planned a Fall Festival to display their 1st quarter projects.
  - c. **Student Leadership/Character Development:** Teachers are accommodating the character education program to meet the needs of their students. The faculty is working to incorporate the RAISE values into all aspects on the school community.
  - d. **Fiscal Responsibility/Budget:** ALA has received local supplements from Harnett and Lee County. We have requested a breakdown of the funding that contributes to the per pupil amount. We will also make our first rent payment to Schoolhouse Development in October.
  - e. **School Culture/Climate:** Fall Sports have ended and Winter Sports have begun. We will offer Boys and Girls Basketball and Cheerleading. Student Council elections have begun as well.
3. **Budget Report:** C. Draughon of Charter Success gave the Budget report for the month.

Lee funding was over the anticipated per pupil amount and Harnett county was slightly under. Overall projections still show a projected yearly surplus. Specific categories like custodial supplies and instructional supplies require adjustment.

#### **4. Items for Discussion**

- a. **Financial Policy** - We have a \$5,000 pre-loaded PEX card - That can only be local funds and not state funds.- Currently we only have one card and Mr. Smith is overseeing its use. It has \$5000 to be reconciled monthly.
- b. **Extension of 1st Quarter** - Mr. Smith wants to push the 1st Quarter and report cards back a week. This is due to days missed from Hurricanes and the delayed start.
- c. **Facility Development** - Board members want to hear from Schoolhouse Development about the plan for the new construction building. The Board wants to know specifically the cost of current building construction, timeline for new construction, and permitting and zoning requirements. J. Smith will contact the builder to setup for November meeting.

#### **Consent Agenda**

- d. **Extension of 1st Quarter** - Motion made by E. Arrington, Seconded by S. Gatlin to move the end date of the 1st Quarter to November 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **5. Adjournment**

L. Malone made a motion to adjourn meeting. Seconded by E. Arrington. Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

## **ALA Board Meeting Administrator Report**

**Meeting:** October 2018

**General:** Enrollment has remained consistent at 162 students. We have had two student withdrawals since our last board meeting and 1 new enrollment. We anticipate 1 or 2 new enrollments in the coming weeks. We are looking to add 7th grade students to ensure our enrollment remains over 160 throughout the school year. We were out of school for Hurricane Michael on October 11th and 12th. We are now at a total of 7 days out of school for Hurricanes this school year. There has been no word from the state regarding forgiveness of school days associated with the Hurricanes but they have asked that we put a note in PowerSchool indicating which days were missed by the Hurricane. Construction has completed for the most part on the facility. Only thing that remains is the monument sign that will go in the front of the building.

**Student Achievement:** We have scheduled Benchmark Assessments for November 14th and 15th. We chose to do it late in the period because of the delayed start and number of days missed due to Hurricanes. Once we receive these results we will share with the Board for analysis. Teachers are performing other informal assessments including MobyMax and IXL diagnostics to ascertain student achievement levels. Our 6th grade team is planning a fall festival project for the 1st week of November. This grade level project will include projects involving ratio and proportion in Math and types of Energy in Science. This will be our first attempt at a grade level project. We will invite board members once we have confirmed the date. We have implemented our 1:1 iPad program with students. Each student has an iPad assigned to them that they take to each of their classes. Students who paid the technology fee are allowed to take the devices home and back and forth to school. Teachers are starting to maximize their instruction through digital programs and the technology. Many teachers are using Google Classroom and are completely digital.

**Student Leadership/Character Development:** In our Leadership Advisory class, students have begun learning about Accountability and Integrity over the last few weeks with our RAISE Leadership lessons. Teachers are looking for ways to enhance the curriculum and apply it more to their individual student needs. It is a work in progress as we are ensuring that the curriculum is valuable for our students and also contributes to enhancing our project work. Students discussed what integrity is this following week and how it contributes to honesty and telling the truth. The lesson tied it in with the politics and was relevant with mid-term elections coming up. We hope to have students come in and share their experiences in one of our upcoming board meetings.

**Fiscal Responsibility/Budget:** We have received a check for local funding from both Harnett and Lee County. The initial projections for Harnett County and Lee County are slightly lower than anticipated. We have requested from both counties a breakdown of their funding. This request was sent on October 17th. The Counties have about 15 days to respond giving the

information requested according to general statute. Harnett County came in around \$95 a student per month and Lee County about \$179 a student per month. We requested payment for both July and August. We received the double payment from Harnett County but do not Lee County. We are working with County personnel to get this resolved. We have also received our first rent payment invoices from Schoolhouse Development. The first payment is for October and is \$30,541.83.

**School Culture and Climate:** Fall Sports have come to an end and we are still looking for our first win in an athletic event. Students seem to appreciate the opportunity to play and are trying really hard. Basketball and cheerleading tryouts have begun and teams should be solidified this week. We have secured Boone Trail Community Center as the site for our home basketball games. We are having Student Council elections in the various Advisory classrooms. Each class will choose a representative and from the representatives we will have officer elections. From this group we will develop a Student Justice Council. We have had a few suspensions, all of them short term. We have had 2 3-day suspensions for a physical altercation and 1 8-day suspension for a physical altercation on the bus.