## ALA Board Meeting 1/22/2020

Location: 283 Harvey Faulk Road, Sanford NC

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

Members Absent: T. Fox

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

Success)

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:35 by L. Malone.

## <u>Agenda</u>

- Approval of November Meeting minutes: The November meeting minutes were
  distributed to board members prior to the meeting for their review. S. Gatlin made a
  motion to accept the November meeting minutes as written, A. Fonke seconded, motion
  passed unanimously.
- **2. Public Comment:** L. Malone opened the meeting for public comment. There were no participants for public comment.

## 3. Administrative Report: Reviewed by Justin Smith

- a. General: Enrollment is down to 303 students. Many have moved away during the school year while a few have left for personal reasons. ALA will enroll three students in December. J. Smith discussed the upcoming events including enrollment tours, Chilli-Cook Off, and Sweetheart Dance. A. Fonke brought up an issue for the Chili cookoff where one of the sponsors is a local brewery. The board believes this to be illegal pursuant to NC statute and J Smith agreed to notify the organizers that alcohol can not be allowed.
- b. Mission and Vision: J. Smith discussed current PBL projects that were being executed in the building including the 7th grade Impaired Streams project, the 9th grade collaborative Amusement Park project and the 7th and 8th grade Math video projects. He also discussed the planned Tech Expo project planned by the 8th Grade Digital Media class. Students will present on topics related to robotics, coding, and programming. It is scheduled for February 21st and board members are invited.
- c. Student Achievement: J. Smith reviewed the School Improvement plan and its implementation. All of the programs have begun including Article of the Week, Sustained Silent Reading, Edgenuity My Path, and the new bell schedule. The next NC Check-ins are scheduled for February 18-20.

- d. Student Leadership and Character Development: Students are leading the enrollment tours for our prospective applicants. High School Student Council members will run the High School tours and Middle School Student Council members will run the Middle School tours.
- **e. School Culture/Climate:** J. Smith discussed some recent events at ALA including the nanofiction contest, winter concert, 4-H club, Chess Club, and the beginning of Spring Sports.
- **f. Personnel:** There were no updates about Personnel.
- 4. Charter Success Partners Report: CSP sent Board Members the CSP report prior to the meeting. C. Draughon then reviewed highlights with board members during the meeting.
  - a. Financial and Budget Report: C. Draughon discussed how the Financial committee reviewed budget and updated the projected revenue based on recently released per pupil allotment numbers and current enrollment. The fund balance is still a surplus but slightly less than previously projected. The budget is still healthy and strong.
  - b. Operation Services Report: C. Draughon shared the areas in which Charter Success Partners executed the operations services we are contracted for. He updated the board on specific services including Board Member support, Human Resources, Technology Infrastructure support, Community Outreach, Staff Support, and Operations. All services were executed by CSP staff members.

## **Items for Discussion**

- 1. Facility Update: J Smith reported on his 4 hour meeting with representatives from Schoolhouse Development and BCCG. During the meeting the team reviewed the blueprint plans and verified the schools needs and preferences. Zoning approvals are complete and movement on the site should begin in February.
- 2. Safe Haven Training provider: J Smith has to Crystal McIver who has a contact with a company that will provide the service of training the staff inorder to be compliant with the new law relating to training on signs of sexual abuse or trafficking.
- 3. 20-21 School Calendar Recommendations: J. Smith made the recommendation to create the calendar for the 2020-21 school year similar to this year's due to the construction of the new facility. The Board agreed and made no recommendations for changes. J Smith will present a draft calendar at the February meeting.
- A. Fonke made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:41, S. Gatlin seconded. Motion carried unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:41pm