

ALA Board Meeting 2/23/2022

Location: 283 Harvey Faulk Road, Sanford NC

Members Present: B. Grindle, Jason Smith, R. Scott, A. Fonke

Members Absent: D. Goodson

Non-Members Present: Justin Smith (Director), C. Draughon, D. Perez

Call to Order: Jason Smith called the meeting to order at 6:34pm

Agenda

Open Session

1. **Recitation of Mission:** Justin Smith
2. **Approval of February 2022 Meeting Agenda:** Motion made to approve the agenda made by R. Scott, seconded by Jason Smith. Unanimous approval.
3. **Approval of January Board Meeting minutes:** Motion made to approve the January minutes made by Jason Smith, seconded by R. Scott. Unanimous approval.
4. **Public Comment:** None
5. **Administrative Report:** Presented by Justin Smith, Managing Director of ALA
 - a. **General:** Casting was completed for the new musical, Cinderella Jr. Prom tickets went on sale this week. Open enrollment is coming to an end soon, we have received lots of applications. Lottery is next week. Spring sports tryouts are occurring now, ACT Test for 11th graders March 1st.
 - b. **Student Achievement:** ALA MS students participated in NC Check-In assessments for Reading and Science (8th grade only).
 - c. **Student Leadership and Character Development:** Students participated in interviews for the Dean of Student Affairs position. Project based learning continues and is a focus at ALA.
 - d. **School Culture and Climate:** Snowball Dance took place in January. Successful robotics competition on February 5th.
 - e. **Personnel:** Interviews have been completed for the Dean of Student Affairs.
6. **Charter Success Partners Report:** Presented by C. Draughon from Charter Success Partners.
 - a. **Financial and Budget Report:** Finances and budget are trending positively and on pace.

Items for Discussion

1. **COVID Update**
 - a. **COVID-19 Presentation by ALA Administration:** Presented by D. Perez
 - b. **Mask Policy Review:** Current policy reviewed by Justin Smith.

Motion made to accept board proposed updates to change mask use to optional for all people, including staff/students; add support for students and staff that choose to wear masks. Note: Masks will still be required on school transportation made by B. Grindle, seconded by R. Scott, unanimous approval. Policy will be effective Thursday February 24, 2022.

2. **Board Member Background Check Policy:** Proposed policy presented by Justin Smith. There is a new policy that requires ALA Board Members to have background checks. Motion made to approve the policy made by R. Scott, seconded by Justin Smith. Unanimous approval.
3. **ALA 2022-23 Calendar 1st Review:** Proposed calendar presented by Justin Smith. Will be reviewed at the next meeting.
4. **Charter Renewal Visit Review:** Meeting is scheduled for March 1st 9:30-10:30 am. Meeting will be in the office of D. Perez or online via Webex. Justin Smith and C. Draughon gave an overview of the purpose of the meeting and the proposed agenda. The documents that should be reviewed by the board in preparation were reviewed.
5. **Dean of Student Affairs Position Update:** Three candidates have been interviewed. Decision is planned for March, and proposing to start in the fall.
6. **Board Recruitment Update:** New applications have been received for the board. Candidate information will be sent to the board for review in preparation for the next meeting. Candidates will be requested to meet for interviews at the March meeting.
7. **Next Meeting:** Next meeting is March 23rd in-person. Budget and calendar proposals will be reviewed at the March meeting.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Jason Smith. Seconded by A. Fonke, unanimous approval.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm