
Ascend Leadership Academy

September 2022

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Location: In Person

Members Present: Jason Smith, M. Iskandar, R Scott

Members Absent: B. Grindle, D. Goodson

Non-Members Present: Justin Smith(Director), Sherrie Brown, Damien Perez, Angie Wood(virtually)

Call to Order: Jason Smith called the meeting to order at 6:35pm

School Mission:

The mission of Ascend Leadership Academy is to develop successful student leaders by growing their self-efficacy, intellectual understanding, and social competence. ALA will accomplish this by applying innovative teaching methods, incorporating student cultural realities and cultivating student ownership in the learning community.

Agenda

Open Session

1. Recitation of Mission by Justin Smith
2. Approval of Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda

- [Approval of Minutes: August 2022](#)
 - Approval of September 2022 Agenda
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Mr. Scott made a motion to approve the agenda as written, seconded by Jason Smith.

Unanimously approved.

3. **Public Comment:**

Public comment is a time for the community to provide feedback to the Board of Directors. For in-person meetings attendees must sign up at the start of the meeting in order to give public comment. Each community member is limited to 2 minutes of comment, with a total time allotted to public comment of 10 minutes. During remote meetings attendees may add their public comments to the chat feature which will be sent directly to the Board of Directors. Board members will then share the comments with the meeting attendees for up to 10 minutes.

Public comment is also a time for the Board of Directors to listen to the feedback of the community. Board members can not respond to public comments during the meeting. However, the Board recognizes that each stakeholder is a vital part of our community and will take comments into consideration when making decisions, planning, providing feedback to administration, and completing committee work.

4. **Administrative Report:** Admin Report was presented by Managing Director Justin Smith. He provided a recap of the month at ALA and highlighted specifics about each program at ALA including Project Based Learning, Digital Media, Student Leadership & Culture and Personnel changes.

[School Administrative Report - September 2022](#)

Reviewed by Justin Smith


5. **Finance Report:** The Finance Report was prepared by Charter Success Partners and presented by Justin Smith, Managing Director. The Finance Committee met prior to the meeting to discuss the budget and outlook on the future.

[Finance Report - August 2022](#)

Reviewed by Justin Smith

6. **School Performance Report:** Reviewed by Justin Smith, Managing Director. Mr. Smith presented the student achievement data from student performance on the 21-22 EOG/EOC tests. He highlighted the areas of Growth for ALA as well as the areas where the school succeeded. ALA met growth and had a school performance grade of 56/C. Mr. Smith provided comparisons between ALA and local secondary schools in Lee County as well as comparisons between both Harnett and Lee Counties.

- a.  **ALA Student Performance Data 2022**

7. **Available Bond Funds:** Reviewed by Justin Smith, Managing Director. The Board received an update on the possible use of the remaining funds from bond financing. Mr. Smith will obtain a quote for baseball fields and a Lunch pavilion. The Board will continue to be updated about the use of these funds.
- a.  **ALA Bond Financing 2022** Update on proposed items

Closed Session (If Needed):

No Closed session agenda items.

Purpose of Closed Session Discussion Item #3: 143-318.11. Closed sessions.(a) Permitted Purposes.
- It is the policy of this State that closed sessions shall be held only when required to permit a public body to act in the public interest as permitted in this section. A public body may hold a closed session and exclude the public only when a closed session is required:

(6) To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee...

Adjournment

Motion was made to adjourn by R. Scott, Jason Smith seconded. All in Favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM