

ALA Board Meeting 9/26/18

Location: 283 Harvey Faulk Road, Sanford NC 27332

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

Members Absent:

Non-Members Present: J. Smith, C. Draughon

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

- 1. Approval of August Meeting Minutes.** Minutes were sent to all board members prior to meeting. S. Gatlin made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Seconded by D. Draughon. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2. Administrative Report:** J. Smith gave the administrative report based on the topics listed below. Summary is included.
 - a. Enrollment:** Enrollment remains at 163. We had 1 withdrawal and 1 newly enrolled student.
 - b. Student Achievement:** Classes are underway and projects have begun. Staff will be working to produce grade level projects in the near future.
 - c. Student Leadership/Character Development:** RAISE lessons have begun. Teachers are using curriculum sent from Charter One. Lessons are contributing to the culture of the school.
 - d. Fiscal Responsibility/Budget:** We have been approved for the State SRO grant. We have received \$30,000 towards paying for an officer to be on campus everyday. More information will be provided in budget report.
 - e. School Culture and Climate:** Athletics have begun as students are participating in Fall Sports which are Girls Volleyball, Boys Soccer, and co-ed Cross country. Teachers setting the expectations of the "ALA way" through their interaction with students.
- 3. Budget Report:** C. Draughon of Charter Success Partners gave the budget report for October. Currently the budget projections have us at a healthy surplus. All fund categories are within the appropriate range for remaining on target for budget goals. Personnel expenses are in line with projections.
- 4. Items for Discussion**
 - a. School Calendar:** J. Smith discussed adjusting the calendar to make the 2 conference days, which were full workdays to early release days with a release at 12:45pm. This would make up for the instructional hours lost due to the delayed start Motion made by S Gatlin, Seconded by E Arrington to approve new calendar making our 2 conference days early release days. Motion carries unanimous.

- b. **Board Member Recruitment:** D. Draughon discussed the need for more local parents on the board of directors. E. Arrington suggested a parent from Harnett County. Board would like to get to a total of 7 board members by adding more local members, possibly parents. This is due to a few of the board members terms ending in 2019. J. Smith and A. Fonke will attempt to recruit board members for this purpose.
- c. **Facility Development:** Main discussion tabled. C. Draughon suggested that we extend an invitation to a representative from Schoolhouse Development to attend our November or January board meeting to share their plan for our new construction building.

5. Consent Agenda

- a. Revised Calendar due to inclement weather (see above in items for discussion)

D. Draughon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by L. Malone. Meeting adjourned: 7:52

ALA Board Meeting Administrator Report

Meeting: September 2018

General: ALA continues to operate in its initial year of operation. We have consistently had 162 students enrolled at ALA. Since the first day of school and our last board meeting, one new student enrolled on September 10th as anticipated. To this date no student has withdrawn but we anticipate 1 withdrawal as one family has chosen to continue homeschooling their child. We have not reached our twentieth day of enrollment yet due to Hurricane Florence but we anticipate an ADM of 162 students. Speaking of Hurricane Florence, ALA was closed due to the storm for 5 total days (September 13- September 19th) with a two-hour delay and one hour delay on the 20th and 21st respectively. As our policy, we followed the decision of Lee County Schools. We communicated all closures via our website, Facebook page, local news channels, and mass email/text communication.

Student Achievement: Classes are underway and teachers are getting their subject areas. We have begun some mini-projects in class. Ms. Schrader's 6th grade science class are working on a Solar oven project. Students are designing solar ovens in groups and the best design from each class will be made into a prototype. Ms. Breedings 6th grade math class also created visuals for the number they were assigned. Students were challenged to include in the visual aid the various characteristics of the number and include it on a poster. We will be working as a staff in the coming weeks to have entry events and begin grade level project work. We have 12 students who are identified as students with disabilities with IEPs. Ms. Roche is working to ensure we are in compliance with their IEPs and students receive the services they require. Curriculum Night is scheduled for Tuesday, September 25th from 5:30 - 6:30pm.

Student Leadership/Character Development: In our Leadership Advisory class, students have begun learning about Respect and Accountability via our RAISE Leadership program. We have received specific lessons from Charter One on each RAISE value which are Respect, Accountability, Integrity, Service, and Excellence. Students spend 20 minutes a day in advisory and participate in RAISE lessons on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Seventh graders participate with their 1st period teacher and 6th graders participate with their 4th block teacher. So far the program is working well to set the culture we desire for the school. This week students are participating in lessons regarding Accountability.

Fiscal Responsibility/Budget: We have begun receiving and use the first third of our state allotment funding. Our initial allotment amount was \$333,590 which was slightly above our anticipated budgeted amount of \$319,868. Our approved budget has a substantial surplus and I will discuss some areas where we needed to provide additional funding with the excess amount of funding that was not planned for. These include custodial staff, part-time instructional personnel, and security (school resource officers). We also did receive the 2018-19 School Resource Officer Grant from the state. The state will double the amount of money we put into paying for SROs. We were approved for \$30,000 for the grant with the school contributing

\$15,000. We are currently working with Lee County Sheriff's Narcotics division to have an officer on site every day for \$35 an hour for 7 hours.

School Culture and Climate: Students are getting into the routine of our school and beginning to settle in. Athletics have begun as we have had both Boys soccer and cross country events. Our teams are competing hard and it is great that they have the opportunity to play in our initial year of enrollment. We are utilizing Boone Trail Community Center and the Stevens Center for volleyball practice while we are practicing onsite for cross country and soccer. We will continue with the facilities mentioned for basketball in the winter. We have had one In School Suspension in the opening weeks of school and very little discipline issues. Most of the discipline issues have been minor events handled by a call to parents. Ultimately the teachers are doing a great job of setting expectations and the "ALA" way of doing things. We also have identified our Free/Reduced lunch population. We have 11 students qualified for Free Lunch and 26 for reduced lunch according to their E-rate survey.