

ALA Board Meeting 5/22/19

Location: 283 Harvey Faulk Road, Sanford NC

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

Members Absent: D. Draughon

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

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Dr. Malone at 6:37pm.

Agenda

1. **Approval of April Meeting minutes:** The April meeting minutes were distributed to board members prior to the meeting for their review. L. Malone made a motion to accept the April meeting minutes as written, E. Arrington seconded, motion passed unanimously.
2. **Public Comment:** L. Malone opened the meeting for public comment. There was no participants for public comment.
3. **Administrative Report:** - Justin Smith (Managing Director) sent Board Members an administrative report prior to the meeting. He then reviewed highlights with board members during the meeting.
 - a. **General:** Student Enrollment decreased to 161 students due to 2 withdrawals. We will finish the school year at this number. ALA hosted its 1st Annual Sports Banquet at First Baptist Church on May 11th. J. Smith updated the board about the progress of the new facility. On June 4th the plans will go before the city for the last time for annexation, and the Council will vote on annexing all 5 parcels of land. We will then we submit plans to the city for the construction of the new building.
 - b. **Student Achievement:** EOGs are scheduled for May 29th and 30th. Teachers are in the process of reviewing with students. 7th graders are completing projects involving Minorities in Math and Science. They will visit the Civil Rights Museum in Greensboro on June 4th. 6th Grade students are studying web design and making websites for review of math and reading.
 - c. **Student Leadership and Character Development:** Ms. Lamb's class raised money for relay for life as a service project. Ms. Lamb participated in the event at the Fairgrounds.
 - d. **Fiscal Responsibility/Budget:** Budget remains healthy. We anticipate a surplus at the end of the school year. Mr. Smith still needs to spend in some specific areas before the end of the fiscal year.

e. **School Culture/Climate:** Awards Day and Field Day will take place on Thursday June 6th at the school site.

4. **Financial/Budget Report:** Mr. Smith and Cory Draughon of Charter Success Partners reviewed the Budget Report with Board Members. No major areas of concern. The school continues to operate with an anticipated surplus.

Items for Discussion

1. **2019-20 ALA Budget Approval:** Board members reviewed and discussed the planned 2019-20 budget at the April meeting. J. Smith and C. Draughon reviewed major items for the Board's knowledge. Board members asked questions about teacher salaries, and other budget line items. J. Smith and C. Draughon clarified where necessary. Board had no major areas of concern with the 2019-20 budget. L. Malone made a motion to approve the 2019-20 budget. S. Gatlin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
2. **ALA Dress Code Policy Amendments:** J. Smith shared a proposed dress code policy change to board members. The change clarifies the colors for appropriate dress and adds crew neck shirts as acceptable. Mr. Smith gave his rationale for the change revolving around enforcement and the dress code supporting the school's mission. The board will review the policy and vote on it at the June meeting.

L. Malone made a motion to go into closed session at 7:31pm to discuss personnel matters, seconded by S. Gatlin. Motion carries unanimously.

Closed Session

1. **Personnel (19-20 Staff hires)**
2. **New Board Member interview**

L. Malone made a motion to go back into open session and adjourn the meeting, seconded by E. Arrington. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

ALA Board Meeting Administrator Report

Meeting: May 2019

General: Enrollment is down to 161 students. We had one student move to Texas and one student who is now being homeschooled. We are at 83 6th graders and 78 7th graders. We hosted the ALA Sports Banquet on Saturday, May 11th at First Baptist Church (picture Below). We have a great turn out and honored our student athletes. Each coach spoke about their season and gave an 4-5 awards to their various athletes.

Student Achievement: Teachers are in the midst of reviewing for End of Grade exams and other summative assessments. We did a practice EOG test on May 15th and 16th to help build student stamina and to work out logistics. Students will take EOGs on May 29th and 30th. 7th Grade students are creating documentaries based on research in Science, Mathematics, and Technology. Students are learning the various roles of video production including producer, director, costume design, and set design. Students will present their documentaries to workers at the Civil Rights Museum in Greensboro during their field trip on June 5th. This project is a collaboration between ELA and Digital Media classes. 6th Grade students are making support websites for ELA and Math. Students are each given a standard in one of the two curriculums and are gathering resources that will help current and future 6th graders review for the EOG. They will then make websites that organize this information. This is a part of Digital Media's web design unit and involves collaboration with Math and ELA.

Student Leadership/Character Development: Ms. Lamb's class raised a total of \$652 for Relay for Life this month. The class also had a booth at the event where Ms. Lamb interacted with the members of the local community. Students sold snacks and did other fundraising activities to raise the money and generated fundraising ideas within their advisory class. Great Job Ms. Lamb's Advisory class!

Fiscal Responsibility/Budget: We are in the process of determining technology needs for the 19-20 school year. We plan to purchase iPads for the 6-8 grade students and continue with the same plan that we currently have with these devices. We are trying to determine the most cost effective notebook computer for 9th grade students between chromebooks or refurbished macbooks. We plan to purchase iPads prior to the end of the fiscal year and it will be a part of the 18-19 budget. The 9th grade devices more than likely will be purchased with funds allocated for the 19-20 budget. We will also need to buy more TVs and wireless streaming devices. We will research and make the decisions regarding technology based on our program needs and price.

School Culture and Climate: We are planning our annual awards day for students on June 6th the day before our last day of school. Students will be recognized for their academic excellence a variety of areas. The event will take place at ALA from 1pm - 2:30pm. We are also planning a field day on the morning of June 6th to celebrate the school year and as a finale

for our PBIS Rewards program. Students will have the opportunity to use their PBIS points for prizes, raffles, and games.



