

ALA Board Meeting 2/29/2020

Location: 283 Harvey Faulk Road, Sanford NC

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

Members Absent:

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

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 11:37am by L. Malone

Agenda

Open Session

- 1. Approval of January Meeting minutes:** The January 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.

L. Malone made a motion for the meeting to enter closed session to conduct new board member interviews and discuss student disciplinary decisions. E. Arrington seconded, Motion passed unanimously. Meeting went into closed session at 11:44am.

Closed Session

- 1. New Board Member Interviews**
- 2. Student Disciplinary Decisions**

L. Malone made a motion for the meeting to enter back into Open session to continue with board meeting business. S. Gatlin seconded, Motion passed unanimously.

Open Session

- 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, Managing Director**
 - a. General:** Enrollment is steady at 300 students. ALA's enrollment lottery will take place on March 5th on ALA's campus. Board members discussed the Chilli Cook-off event that was currently taking place during the meeting.
 - b. Mission and Vision:** J. Smith discussed PBL projects that were currently taking place including the 8th Grade tech expo, the 9th Grade Amusement Park project,

and the 7th grade Holocaust Project. He also mentioned the 9th Grade To Kill a Mockingbird project where students were creating audiobooks.

- c. **Student Achievement:** J. Smith reviewed the most recent NC Check In #2 test results. Grades 6-8 all saw improvement in Reading and Science. Math is still an area of concern. Students performed as expected in 6th and 7th grade. 8th grade Math is a major area of concern. ALA administration is providing interventions within our School Improvement plan to target math struggles.
 - d. **Student Leadership and Character Development:** ALA students are being trained in "Say Something" which is an anonymous reporting app that allows them to report negative behavior.
 - e. **School Culture/Climate:** ALA has added a chess club. ALA Sportsman team will compete in March. Winter Sports teams just completed successful seasons.
 - f. **Personnel:** There were no updates about Personnel.
4. **Charter Success Partners Report: Reviewed by Cory Draughon**
- a. **Financial and Budget Report:** C. Draughon reviewed significant line items in the budget. He highlighted areas that were slightly over budget and gave rationale. The fund balance is still a surplus and the budget is healthy.
 - 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 updated the board on the status of the new facility construction. Construction machinery is on site and site work has commenced. The Superintendent trailer will arrive in the coming days and erosion control procedures will be completed. According to all parties construction is on schedule and the building is set to be complete on time.
2. **20-21 School Calendar:** Board members were sent the proposed 20-21 School Calendar prior to the meeting. J. Smith explained how the proposed calendar was similar to this year's calendar and share significant dates with Lee County Schools including Spring Break. A. Fonke made a motion to approve the 20-21 School Calendar, E. Arrington seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **ALA Sick Child Policy:** The Board reviewed a Sick Child policy that was developed by ALA's administration. Board members wanted more time to review the policy and asked to push a vote to the March Board meeting. L. Malone asked that we include as a part of the policy that if a certain percentage of students are sick then the school would close. J. Smith will research and will present the updated policy at the March board meeting.

L. Malone made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:12pm, S. Gatlin seconded. Motion carried unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 2:12pm