

ALA Board Meeting 11/27/18

Members Present: Steven Gatlin, Don Draughon, Laurell Malone, Ebony Arrington, Anna Fonke

Members Absent:

Non-Members Present: R. Moss (Schoolhouse Development), G. Way (Schoolhouse Development) J. Smith (Director), C. Draughon (Charter Success)

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

Agenda:

1. **Approval of October Meeting Minutes:** Board members were sent October Meeting minutes prior to the meeting. Motion made by Steven Gatlin, Seconded by Dr. Malone - Motion carried unanimously.
2. **Public Comment:** D. Draughon opened the meeting for public comment. There were no participants for public comment.
3. **Administrative Report:** J. Smith, Managing Director sent board members an administrative report for their review prior to the meeting. He then reviewed highlights with Board members during the meeting.
 - a. **General:** J. Smith reviewed enrollment with board members. Enrollment is steady at 163 students. Smith reviewed the status of the school at the end of the 1st quarter. He gave updates on bus transportation, free and reduced lunch program, and the PTO.
 - b. **Student Achievement:** J. Smith reviewed Benchmark results with Board members. He explained that results were in line with previous EOG data of students. He shared the data gathered regarding students previous EOG data. Smith also mentioned which standards had not been covered by teachers on Benchmark assessments that may have contributed to percentages being lower than he would like.
 - c. **Student Leadership/Character Development:** Students are participating in a service learning project for the holiday season. Students are raising money for a child in need through the Salvation Army angel tree program. Each advisory group has a child that they are providing gifts for.
 - d. **Fiscal Responsibility/Budget:** Budget projections are healthy and the school continues to operate with anticipated surplus.
 - e. **School Culture/Climate:** J. Smith shared the video students made in 7th grade Digital Media that describes what they are thankful for. He gave an update on Winter Sports and the upcoming Talent Variety Show.

4. Financial/Budget Report: C. Draughon of Charter Success Partners reviewed the Budget Report with board members. No major areas of concern. School administration is operating and purchasing what is absolutely necessary. Some areas are over funded currently mainly due to startup/upfront costs including facilities, custodial supplies, and instructional supplies. Motion to accept the budget report was made by S Gatlin, Seconded by Dr. Malone -- Motion carried unanimously.

5. Items for Discussion

a. School Facility Development Plan: Glenn Way and Richard Moss from Schoolhouse Development joined the meeting to discuss the facility development plan for the second phase of construction. Richard explained the process of annexation with the City of Sanford and what it takes to get the next phase going. The annexation process should be completed by the Spring. Once this is complete construction will begin on the gymnasium. The current facility will remain and the gym structure will be connected to a new construction facility that will contain several more classrooms and offices. This will not be completed until the winter of 2019. Board members asked clarifying questions about the budget for the first phase of construction, and the timeline for phase 2.

b. Adjustment of School Calendar (December 19th, January 2nd, February 15th): J. Smith explained that the school still has not officially made up days from the delayed opening and the days missed due to hurricanes. He suggested that we shorten winter break by adding December 19th and January 2nd as school days. A. Fonke shared that it would not have any major effect on parents and they could choose to send their students or not. Board members also anticipated days missed due to snow and believed it prudent to get the days in prior to snow season. Board decided to revisit the February 15th date in January to see if there was an abundance of snow. Item was moved to consent agenda.

Consent Agenda:

a. Adjustment of School Calendar (December 19th, January 2nd, February 15th)
After Board discussion, L. Malone made a motion to adjust the calendar to include December 19th and January 2nd as school days, E. Arrington seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

D. Draughon made a motion to adjourn, Seconded by S. Gatlin. Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

ALA Board Meeting Administrator Report

Meeting: November 2018

General: ALA enrollment is at 163 students. We currently have 22 students on the 6th grade waitlist and 2 on the 7th grade waitlist. We are at 85 6th grade students and 78 7th grade students. We recently completed the 1st Quarter on November 2nd and report cards went home with students on November 9th. Buses are running routes in both Harnett and Lee Counties. We are looking into the possibility of on-bus cameras for extra security and safety. Our free and reduced lunch program is running well. Currently 14 of our 40 students who qualify for free and reduced lunch are receiving meals. Christina Turner, an ALA parent/substitute, is preparing the meals on a daily basis. Students get a variety of meals that include one protein, fruit, snack and drink. ALA's PTO hosted their first PTO General Assembly meeting on Thursday, November 15th. About 25-30 parents showed up. The PTO has plans to recruit corporate sponsors, provide hospitality events for teachers, and provide recess/lunch coverage.

Student Achievement: Students participated in NC Check-In benchmark assessments on November 14th and 15th. Preliminary results show that our 6th grade students got 46.9% of the Math questions right and 63.9% of the reading questions. 7th grade students got 55% of the Reading questions correct and 31.8% of the Math questions correct. This data does not represent proficiency rather it tells the number of questions correct per grade level. Teachers and admin are currently analyzing the benchmark data to provide specific interventions. I anticipate 7th grade Math as being an area of concern based on benchmark data and previous EOG results of our 7th grade students. For our students who took EOGs last year we have the following data:

Grade level	Previous Year Math	Previous Year Reading	Previous Year Science
6th Grade	<u>66 students Tested</u> 6 -Level 1 17- Level 2 2- Level 3 25- Level 4 16 -Level 5	<u>66 students Tested</u> 8-Level 1 14-Level 2 11-Level 3 26-Level 4 7-Level 5	<u>66 students Tested</u> 4-Level 1 6-Level 2 6-Level 3 31-Level 4 19-Level 5
7th Grade	<u>63 students Tested</u> 14 -Level 1 15-Level 2 7-Level 3 17-Level 4 10-Level 5	<u>63 students Tested</u> 5-Level 1 10-Level 2 8-Level 3 31-Level 4 9-Level 5	N/A

Student Leadership/Character Development: Students are participating in a service learning project for the Holiday season. Each advisory class received a child in need through the Salvation Army Angel tree program. Each student was tasked with using their unique talent or ability to serve someone outside of their immediate family with the goal of obtaining at least \$5. The Advisory classes will then use the money they collect to purchase gifts for the child in need as a class. The purchased items will be delivered to the Salvation Army by December 5th.

Fiscal Responsibility/Budget: We have continued to receive monthly local supplement payments from Lee, Harnett, and Moore counties. We have also received the second installment from the State. We have continued to have access to enough funds even though we have to wait on installments. Current budget projections are healthy and we still anticipate a surplus.

School Culture and Climate: 7th grade students made a video about Thanksgiving and what they are thankful for. You can access it at the following link: <https://youtu.be/HmWDGgbSjr8g>. Winter Sports have begun as we participated in our first Basketball game of the season at Lee Christian on November 19th. The cheerleaders, Boys and Girls basketball team participated. Pictures are below. The ALA variety show is scheduled for Wednesday, December 12th. Students will share their talents and 7th grade students will share their projects as it is also a culminating event. The event will take place at the Mann Center at 6pm. Doors open at 5pm.