

MINUTES OF MEETING

Call to Order

Board approved of Roger Watkins leading the meeting in Kyle Havill's absence. The virtual Access Charter School Board of Directors meeting was called to order by the Director at 5:01 P.M. Notice of the virtual board meeting was provided to the public via school communication system, school marquee, and school calendar prior to the meeting date.

Roll Call

Board Members participating on the call: Marisa Bradbury, Alice Fairfax, Bert Fonseca, Lori Georganna and Tina Webster. Non-Board Members participating on the call: Jennifer Mathis, Assistant Principal and Roger Watkins, Director.

Review and Approval of Minutes

Minutes of June 16, 2021 had been presented through email. No corrections were provided. Marisa Bradbury made a motion to approve the minutes, Tina Webster seconded. Motion passed, minutes approved.

Director's Report

Currently at 131 students out of 140. Shortfall due to no shows, transportation related or DNE. There is no concern about achieving 140 student count by October and will draw on the long wait list.

Most of the recent staffing challenges were hourly paraprofessionals. Was able to fill five of six open positions with the new staff starting this week. The remaining opening is for the high school classrooms.

First week of school was uneventful. Students were happy to be back on campus. Six students stayed home due to COVID-19 exposure or testing positive. The school continues to follow the guidelines set by the OCPS for students and staff who test positive or were exposed.

The second bucket of ESSER funds were fully utilized prior to end of August deadline.

New school website is live!

Timing for FTE reporting is October 11-15. Anticipate full enrollment by that time.

School advocacy groups kick off in the next few weeks with much anticipation. Teacher lead funds are coming to use for supplies.

Lori Georganna made a motion to accept the Director's report. Alice Fairfax seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report

Bert Fonseca presented the Treasurer's Report reviewing the finances through July 2021.

FTE of 135 should be corrected to 140 or 145 to show a revenue pickup. In the YTD budget, some of the actual numbers for salaries are negative because of over planning in the June budget.

Tina Webster made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Marisa Bradbury seconded. Motion passed.

Action Items

- Review of 20-21 Annual Audit: No concerns identified. Lori Georganna made a motion to accept the audit report, Bert Fonseca seconded. Motion carried.
- SESIR & Zero Tolerance Policies: It was recommended that the school continue to follow guidelines set by OCPS. Alice Fairfax made a motion to accept the recommendation. Marisa Bradbury seconded. Motion carried.
- Fortify Florida Program: Provides students with the ability to report bullying or harassment. School Director and state are notified of any reports submitted. Recommend to implement per statute. Alice Fairfax made a motion to implement the program. Lori Georganna seconded. Motion carried.
- 911 Cellular Program: Statute requires panic buttons on devices. Start date will likely be pushed back due to state delays on form approval.
- Annual Spring Fundraiser Date Confirmation: Tentative date of May 6, 2022. Board agreed to move forward with planning.
- Mask mandates: Recommend school adopt district guidelines regarding mask mandates. Orange County has mandated all students and staff wear masks starting Aug 30 with no opt out option unless parent provides written note from doctor. Breaks for students will be provided. No masks will be required outside. Bert Fonseca made a motion to adopt the school district guidelines. Alice Fairfax seconded. Motion passed.
- Funding from next ESSER bucket: Recommend \$250 stipend per staff who show they are fully vaccinated by end of October. This will require an initial use of school funds. However, school will be subsequently reimbursed through the ESSER budget. Marisa Bradbury made a motion to approve use of ESSER funding for stipends. Alice Fairfax seconded. Motion carried.

Board Member Matters:

No additional topics discussed.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Marissa Bradbury. Tina Webster seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:53 P.M.

FOR CORRECTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT Lori Georganna at lgeorganna@AccessCharterSchool.org
2020-2021 Board Meeting Schedule – All meetings are at 5:00 P.M. Next meeting October 13, 2021 at the campus.

Respectfully submitted
Lori Georganna, August 26, 2021