



Board of Directors Meeting
April 22, 2020 at 8:00 am
Teleconference due to COVID

Present: Jose Garcia, Christy Condon, Tyrone Harmon, Shelly Domenech, Kellen Nixon, Vishu Cook

Missing: All present

Other: Jennifer Lucas (Managing Director), Deanna Smith (MCSA principal), MCSA community members, Shekeria Barnes (SCSA principal)

8:00 Call to Order

Mr. Garcia called the meeting to order

8:03 Approval of Minutes from last meeting

Mr. Garcia opened up discussion about March's minutes. No additions or deletions were suggested to be made to the January minutes. Ms. Cook made a motion to approve the March minutes. Ms. Domenech seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously. Board tally: 6/6

8:05 Principal Report: MCSA: Ms. Deanna Smith, MCSA

Enrollment update:

MCSA will continue to accept applications and seats are filling up. Right now MCSA enrollment is at 897. The elementary school enrollment is 631 and middle school enrollment is at 266 students. MCSA's current objective is to keep the current families and new families engaged in the school community as much as possible. MCSA has over enrolled at each grade level and so far the school has met its goal for next year. New Family Q&A is scheduled for April 27th at 12:30 and is creating grade level videos for Virtual "moving up day". Teachers will be looking toward doing virtual storytimes to stay engaged with students and families.

Renewal Update: There will be a webinar today with updates.

Academics:

Distance Learning: Notified MCSA community that after Spring Break we would be covering new material not previously covered. Participation varies from grade to grade. The lowest participation rates are in the middle school. Ms. Smith says that the teachers are reaching out to parents and that grades are being updated in PowerSchool. Zoom lessons are being done from time to time and varies from grade to grade and class to class. Lesson plans are being added for the administration to review. They can drop in to Google Classrooms as well. Ms. Cook has asked if new technology needs to be acquired for students. Student device purchases are complete, but we are awaiting delivery of student devices. What is amazing is that everyone who needs a chromebook has a chromebook. There is a question about when we go to collect chromebooks what will come back and in what condition.

EC Team: Service hours are being covered. They are doing a great job at meeting the needs of many of our EC kids. If a student does not make a class or does not participate this is being documented for the purpose of determining compensatory services.

Ms. Cook asked if there is data that can be analyzed to see who is checking in to Google Classroom. This information is currently being gathered. Mr. Harmon asked what the capacity is for teachers to use Zoom. Ms. Smith said that every teacher has access to this technology. Zoom/ Loom, etc. are being used. Mr. Garcia asked if MCSA/ SCSA is using Canvas. There is more tracking ability through that program that integrates PowerSchool. Ms. Smith explained that up until now we are going to keep Google Classroom consistent from K-8.

Ms. Domenech asked if the kids are going to input pass/fail. Ms. Smith said that middle school is still importing grades. They will wait on guidance from the state. Ms. Lucas explained that there was a Powerpoint sent out to administration that explains the state's focus on critical factors for equity and access for all children. Mr. Nixon asked if we are documenting who is not signing in and do we have a plan to address the gaps. Ms. Smith explained that she was confident because grades are being put into MasteryConnect for the standard and she is confident they will know where her students fall before the end of the year. Administration does have concerns around 100 new kids coming into our schools.

There is a question about what they have done throughout the remainder of the year. Administration is looking at creating a BOG-type test for all students and to make plans based from there. iStation will be one tool that teachers will use to set goals and do progress monitoring. Professional development will focus on MasteryConnect and tools that will help teachers monitor student progress consistently and gather data so they can move students along the continuum. The intervention model and systems will allow teachers, staff, and administration

to target the needs of all of the students. Tier I intervention will look different for all children next year. Mr. Nixon said that for next year the school should be focused on the floor not the ceiling expectations.

Budget: Ms. Lucas explained that emergency funds moved to technology. The schools will focus on quality professional development for teachers. There is a Title I grant for SCSA and funds will go toward developing STEM and Math. We will be waiting for funding guidance in the next couple of months. Concern that there is more work to do for students with less funding; however, we are in a really good budgetary place for both schools.

Before/ After Care: MCSA will continue with TAPS for 2020-2021

Staff: MCSA is currently looking for a first grade teacher because the current teacher is getting married and wants to teach closer to home. MCSA also has a seventh grade teacher who will be moving into the STEM class. Intents to return forms have gone out.

Communication: Titan Times goes out each week. There are also videos going out to the community to keep them engaged. Ms. Smith had baby goats born on her farm and the school community was asked to create a name.

9:00 Principal Report SCSA: Ms. Shekeria Barnes

Enrollment update:

SCSA will continue to accept applications and seats are filling up. Right now SCSA enrollment is at 420 students. The elementary school enrollment is 336 and middle school enrollment is at 84 students. SCSA's current objective is to keep the current families and new families engaged in the school community as much as possible. Applications look good for the new grade level being added next year.

SCSA has 575 student applications for the 2020-2021 school year. The goal for enrollment is 640 students and budgets are built around that number.

Academics/ School Climate: There weren't any changes since the March meeting to report.

Facility: Ms. Duncan presented details about the issues about plumbing and leaking mentioned as a concern from last month. The plumbing issues and repairs to tiles have been completed. The exterior punch list has also been completed.

Parents have reached out with equipment and technology needs. The dry goods collected will be distributed next week.

Staffing: SCSA will need Kindergarten teachers and four seventh grade teachers for the new team. There will be virtual interviews starting soon. There are 26 classroom teachers; one is a long term sub for sixth grade Science. SCSA is in the final stages of interviewing for that position. There is an EC Coordinator and ELL teacher that both instructionally support students in all grade levels. They service 277 ELLs and 22 EC students. SCSA school counselors do monthly character education lessons, activities, and student recognition programs.

Communication: Sundays and Wednesdays are the days parents can expect communication from the teachers/ school through ParentSquare. There is a 98% acceptance of ParentSquare.

New Business:

Administration is currently working on staggered entry into the school that is being planned for students and teachers in order to get personal and professional things.

Ms. Lucas shared the positive parental feedback that both MCSA and SCSA are receiving, especially in these uncertain times.

9:20 Meeting Adjourned

Ms. Condon makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Harmon seconded the motion. The meeting was unanimously adjourned. Vote tally: 5/5. The meeting is adjourned.