

Mallard Creek and Southwest Charlotte STEM Academy
Board of Directors Meeting
September 23rd 6:30 pm
At ZOOM due to COVID-19

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

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

6:32 Call to Order

Mr. Garcia called the meeting to order and welcomed the group to the meeting.

6:34 Approval of Minutes from last meeting

No additions or deletions were suggested to be made to the August 2020 minutes. Mr. Harmon made a motion to approve the August minutes. Ms. Domenech seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously. Board tally: 4/4

6:36 Status Report MCSA/SCSA

Ms. Lucas reports that principals are staying well informed with the newest updates and safety protocols as we all navigate school during Covid. She knows that we all would love to see schools full of students again, but safety will continue to be a priority for staff and students. Ms. Lucas is currently working on an I-Cares grant that provides funds for supporting at-risk students during Covid.

6:42 Principal Reports: Ms. Deanna Smith, MCSA (*See Principal Report)

Enrollment: The target ADM Goal is 950 students. Currently, there are 960 students. Currently, 70% of students are virtual and 30% are remote.

Academics: 96/127 participated in the BOG3 assessment for 3rd Graders. 22/96 scored a 3 or 5. Ms. Cook asked if the state will allow us to test the remote students when they return. Ms. Smith stated students can be tested once they return to campus within the first 20 days.

EC: In compliance at this time.

Facilities: Improvements were made to the stairwell.

Exterior: A fence was placed around the playground.

Parent Partnerships: A Parent Partnership tab was added to the website. Family engagement and community outreach meeting held. Diverse Project Teams were created and 3-5 areas of focus goals will be created. Committee will also work on ways to engage families in both STEM and academics. Next Steps: Work on creating a common language for the school and families and professional development for the teams.

Other: The school is still waiting on chromebooks. Mr. Harmon asked if MCSA was receiving requests from parents to come back to the building. Ms. Smith stated that a survey was scheduled to go out for parents on Sunday.

Approval of MCSA Beginning Teacher Support Plan:

The board was given the BT plan for review. Only a state requirement was added to the 19-20 plan. Ms. Condon made a motion to approve the procurement plan. Mr. Harmon seconded the motion. Beginning Teacher Support Plan approved unanimously. Board tally: 6/6

7:16 Principal Reports: Ms. Shekeria Barnes, SCSA (*See Principal Report)

Enrollment: ADM goal of 645, currently 646 students enrolled.

Staffing: No update

Communication: Admin and teachers are communicating via ParentSquare and email to ensure everyone is being reached.

Technology: SCSA is also waiting on additional laptops.

Before/After care: No more than 6 students on a given day. ‘

Transportation: Olympic continues to do a great job.

Goals for Q2:

On Campus:

Safe Practices

Consistent Progress Monitoring

Safe Celebrations

More Ways to Support Students & Staff with Social and Emotional Needs

Remote:

Clear/Consistent expectations

Mid October family survey sent for feedback to make adjustment

Facilities: Fire Inspection completed and passed.

Exterior: Mr. Harmon displayed a diagram of the proposed turf field. Ground should break on the field in November. Mr. Garcia asked if there would be the ability to control the lights surrounding the field remotely or would the school be able to schedule the lights to come on and off. Mr. Harmon stated that the lights would be able to be controlled remotely.

Other: Parent survey sent out: 54.5% of families who responded are wanting to remain remote while 45.5% want to attend in person

Teacher survey sent out: 55.6 reported being comfortable with students returning to the building 44.4 reported being hesitant. 64.3% said they would be most comfortable with 10 students, 28.6% said 10-12 students, 7.1 said 13-15 students.

Mr. Harmon asked if a student returns to the building will they keep the same teacher. Ms. Barnes stated due to the staffing model, students will have a new teacher. Ms. Lucas stated that principals would be involved with the plan to safely transition students back to the building.

A parent asked if there is a contingency plan in place if a 2nd wave hits after we increase the numbers. Ms. Lucas stated that there is a plan.

Approval of SCSA Beginning Teacher Support Plan:

The board was given the BT plan for review. Only a state requirement was added to the previous plan. Ms. Condon made a motion to approve the procurement plan. Mr. Harmon seconded the motion. Beginning Teacher Support Plan approved unanimously. Board tally: 6/6

7:40 Adjourn

Mr. Garcia thanked everyone for joining. Reminded everyone that we look forward to having kids back in the building, but also want to make sure that it is safe. Mr. Harmon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Condon seconded the motion. The meeting was unanimously adjourned. Vote tally: 6/6. The meeting is adjourned.