

**Mallard Creek and
Southwest Charlotte STEM Academy
Board of Directors Meeting
March 27th, 2024 at 7pm
9142 Browne Rd Charlotte NC 28269**

In attendance: Kellen Nixon, Tasia Colbert, Leonard Roebuck

Absent: Jose Garcia, Shelly Domenech

Also Present: Deanna Smith, Shekeria Barnes, Krystle McKnight, Raheem Roberts, Marissa Deamer

7:00 Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:07

7:05 Approval of the Minutes from the February meeting

Leo made the motion to approve the minutes and motion was seconded by Tasia. There was a note that there is an extra comma that needs to be removed from the minutes. There was no further discussion so the motion passed unanimously.

7:05 Public Comment- none

7:15 Principal Reports

SCSA: Ms. Barnes shared her report. Season of new enrollment. Getting ready for next year already. 598 students applied and 198 on the waitlist for now. Discussion of opening new sections for next year to increase enrollment.

School completed Case 21 and is waiting on final data disaggregation. After iReady is completed the School will present all Spring data in April.

Fully staffed and very little movement all year.

PLC and planning all about standards-based instruction.

TOY was announced last week and Mrs. Witherspoon we will celebrate her next month.

EC doing a remarkable job and compliance and student learning is going well.

ML compliance is complete and testing is complete.

A very strong fundraising year this year and the RPSA is doing a remarkable job this year.

Food Service is going amazing, students and staff love the food and the program.

School had an all-school soccer club tournament.

New group of NJHS students enrolled and will be doing their service learning project in Spring.

MCSA:

Ms. Smith shared her report. Focusing on enrollment for the upcoming school year but they are also starting a few students after break for this year.

Case 21 data is complete, and we will share final reports at the next board meeting after some make up exams for students. iReady assessment will begin April 29 after soring break so we will share them May. We are deploying an EOG "Blitz" to identify the students and the specific standards that need extra support. This work is built into the intervention time during the day and in small group pull out section. When we reviewed student data and reviewed the item analysis,

we are able to pull out the type or the style of the test question itself to help students practice these types of questions and practice. Focusing on computer testing prep for students is priority. We haven't been able to fill the 5th grade Math/Sci position, so the Math coach is teaching that class or supporting the sub daily. The MTSS coordinator working with teachers to help them work with the students in their classes.

Math coach presented at a state conference last week to share their experience and expertise about teaching and made some great connections.

Building repairs and spring cleaning is underway.

Compliance in testing for EC and ML is complete and clean.

Just completed a desktop review and live interview for the state-wide ESSER audit. We are waiting for the final close out report. There were a few findings, and each section of the audit required you to submit copies of the evidence. We have 30 days to upload the evidence so We have already done so. Expect a final close out 30 days from now.

Upcoming events: 8th grade farewell dance, Candyland extravaganza. This will be whole school events with food trucks, candy, vise games, etc. April 26th at MCSA.

Empower Her STEM club is running great and the girls competed in a girls math competition against 10 other schools in the area. We competed against Metrolina (gifted school) and it was great experience for everyone to see and proud of our students competing.

7:40 Financial Reports

MCSA has about \$4mm in its account and holds over \$6mm in assets as well. Plenty of funds available for the technology as requested. We are in month 8, 2/3 of the way through the year.

At risk of over-simplification, looking at the schools' revenues and expenses as of today, the School is sitting on a healthy surplus for this year but we will see how the expenses and AP evens out in the end of April to see where the school will land on projections.

Plan set for field development is still being worked on. Expect at this time next time this month will be submitted for permitting. No extra space for track etc. We are using all the space we have available.

SCSA has \$3mm in the bank right now. But they have excellent asset position already.

We commissioned a third party to review our insurance premiums at the request of the board last board meeting. We reached out to a different broker and will review the findings and comparisons at the next board meeting. SCSA is projecting a \$1mm net surplus but that will also even out at the end of the year.

Board Question: Why are the schools federal funds at different percentages?

Federal revenue- MCSA is already over 90% and SCSA is still working on pulling down federal funds.

Facility Question for SCSA:

Working with a contractor for a solution for the topsoil erosion that runs down the street and campus. The school can't add any hard surface, so we have to find creative ways to manage the flow and a decorative retaining wall with some terracing to keep it out of the parking lot.

8:00 Kellen thanked Leo for helping to run the meeting. Kellen thanked the schools for being good stewards of school funds and working for our communities. Leo made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Tasia seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01

