

RIDGEVIEW CHARTER BOARD MINUTES

Date: Saturday, April 25, 2020

Time: 10:00 am

Facilitator: Shezarrah Keane

In Attendance

Shezarrah Keane, Jennifer Stepp, Reshall Williams, Colleen Samuels, Mikal Brown
(Meeting was held via conference call due to pandemic)

Meeting Called to Order: 10:09

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mrs. Stepp, Second by Mr. Brown, Unanimous vote

Approval of Minutes

The minutes have not been prepared and submitted so this was tabled until next month's meeting by a unanimous consent vote

Principal's Report

Mrs. Williams presented the proposed 2020/2021 academic calendar. She reported that it closely aligns with the Gaston County School calendar. A motion was made by Mrs. Samuels to approve the calendar. Second by Mrs. Stepp. Unanimous vote.

Mrs. Williams reported that the state has cancelled all summer programs. The money for the programs was reallocated to deal with the impacts of the coronavirus pandemic. The governor announced schools will remain closed this year. There will be no grades given to K-5 students so Ridgeview students will not receive final grades. Mrs. Williams is working to communicate to parents how important it is for students to continue to do their work and participate in classroom assignments. Most students are doing their work. Parents of struggling students have been contacted and concerns addressed.

There will be no end of grade testing this year so we cannot establish a baseline or compare beginning of year scores to end of year scores due to lack of data. It is unfortunate we cannot track our students' growth.

No report of any facility concerns since work is being done remotely.

Next year's proposed budget is based on 300 students.

The school is working with churches, daycares, and organizations we have worked with in the past to help us promote the school.

The school is working on our annual renewal with the government in order to continue to receive funding.

The school has submitted applications for two major grants. We applied for the NC Access Grant for Charter Schools. Any awarded monies would be used for bigger items such as modular units and buses. We also applied for the Twenty First Century Grant. This proposal is for free after school and summer programs focusing on science, technology and language immersion. These would be supportive classes to enhance what is being taught in the classroom. Monies would be for staffing and supplies. We have partnered with Kim Roseboro who has agreed to oversee the program if we are awarded the grant.

Mrs. Williams will begin to work with current teachers on goals for next school year.

Mrs. Williams is in the beginning process of recruiting new teachers for next year. The hope is to hire 9-10 new teachers for next year. The school hopes to have at least two classes of each grade including the addition of fifth grade classes. The school also hopes to hire two special teachers: a physical education teacher and a language teacher. Previous teachers that were laid off due to reduction in force earlier this school year will be notified and have first preference in applying for new positions. The school also hopes to hire a secretary.

Mrs. Williams asked the board to consider allowing her to use the company Indeed to broaden her reach and scope in finding teachers. The cost is \$1000 a month but we would only pay for the service the months we use it. Mrs. Samuels made a motion to approve the request. Second by Mr. Brown. Unanimous vote.

Mrs. Williams reported that the school has purchased 50 new Chromebooks. We have 10 that are not being used at this time. There is a possibility that the state will allocate and distribute more money for computers which would allow us to get 22 more units. If so, we would have 72 Chromebooks next year. Any additional monies next year for technology could be used to purchase more. The goal of the school is to increase the number of Chromebooks for next year so that the computer to student ratio would be 1:2 if not 1:1.

President's Report

Mrs. Keane reported that we have received no invoices from the transportation company as the buses have not been running. Our contract was structured as a pay per performance (service) contract and as we have had no service no payment is due.

Mrs. Keane reported that the 4 tasks that are due to Epicenter on April 30th have been completed and are being submitted. This includes two updated grievance policies, a liability insurance certificate, and a safety report.

Mrs. Keane declared that in order to comply with state guidelines the board would need to vote on a schedule for the 2020/2021 Board of Directors meetings at our next meeting.

Mrs. Keane reported the second half of the website bill is due in May.

We are waiting on an update from the auditor.

Old Business

There was no old business

New Business

There was no new business

Comments and Announcements

The board thanked staff – teachers and administration - for their dedication and continued hard work during this difficult time.

Next Meeting

May 30, 2020 | 10:00 am | Ridgeview Charter School

Adjournment: 10:57 am

Motion by Mrs. Stepp, Second by Mrs. Samuels, Unanimous vote