

RIDGEVIEW CHARTER BOARD MINUTES

Date: Saturday, May 30, 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: 10:05

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

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

Principal's Report

Mrs. Williams presented information from the state. Schools are still waiting on final instructions in various areas from the state. She did learn that more money will be released to schools through the CARES Act and that Title I schools automatically qualify. She has submitted the grant application and we should receive \$38,000. She will get clarification on whether there is opportunity to get more monies. We may be required to have a nurse on staff next year to monitor student's health during the Covid -19 crisis. We may be able to use part of the grant money to cover that expense.

Mrs. Williams informed us that administration is working on reports to be sent to the state concerning the impact of Covid -19. These are due in June and July.

Mrs. Williams reminded us that there will be no grades given to K-5 students so Ridgeview student's will not receive final grades. There will be a statewide code for report cards indicating students were moved to the next grade without a letter grade due to the pandemic. Before March 13th teachers had already identified students that would possibly need to be retained next year. Those students' progress will be evaluated and if a student still shows the need to be retained, they can legally be retained. Many students have shown improvement working on the computers.

There is still some debate at the state level on the particulars of re-opening of school next year. They hope to have a more definite plan out in early June. Schools have been tasked with making their own plans for re-opening next year. Mrs. Williams is working on our plan. One possibility is an A-B schedule for the students with students attending on alternate days and joining via Zoom on their remote learning days. This may cause an issue for parents who will need daycare so if we move in this direction, the afterschool care provider will be contacted to see if there is a possibility of providing daycare as well. We will try to align with the Gaston County Schools plan and calendar as much as possible. The board will need to modify our 2020/2021 school calendar after these decisions are made.

The state is implementing a jumpstart program for the beginning of the school year. This is an intervention program with strategies and supplemental learning for those with deficiencies in reading and math. A plan for our jumpstart program must be approved by the board and submitted to the state by June 22nd. An additional plan for remote learning must be approved by the board and submitted to the state by July 20th.

The last day of school is June 10th. Students will return their Chromebooks on June 8th, 9th, and 10th. At that time, they will be given students packets with summer learning activities. School summer hours begin on Monday June 1st. The summer hours are Monday through Thursday 10:00 - 2:00. Visitors will be encouraged to practice social distancing and wear a mask. Tours will be given in limited numbers.

Mrs. Williams reported that all the current students have re-enrolled for next year. There are two classes for each grade - first through fifth grades. Those classes are full. The goal is to have three kindergarten classes next year, so those classes are not at capacity. The fifth grade classes will be in the cafeteria. The students will eat in a partitioned off area of the gym. Kindergarten students will eat in their room.

Mrs. Williams has hired three new teachers. These are all tenured teachers and have had experience in charter schools. She is still searching for a PE teacher, foreign language teacher, and EC teacher. We are planning to share an EC coordinator with another charter school and split the cost of that salary. She will also be looking to hire teacher assistants and will see if we can get grant monies to help with that expense. The former secretary will also be rehired.

The walk through of the facility has been rescheduled. The school has completed the repairs we were responsible for. There is a continued leak in the lobby area that needs to be addressed. There have been issues with the air conditioning and some units need to be replaced. This should be addressed by the church. Many of the doors are loose due to screws that are too short. Mr. Russell may be able to replace all the door screws this summer.

As far as marketing, Mrs. Williams would like to look at doing radio advertising again this summer. The ads would run on Saturdays and Sundays for 6 weeks. We could also consider doing another mailer. Emails will be sent to churches and daycares in the area with a flyer for the school attached. We are asking they distribute the flyers and information to parents

and to congregants. The online campaign seems to be quite successful.

Mrs. Williams asked the board to consider renting storage space for the extra desks and chairs we are not using at this time. We would need to hire movers to take the furniture to the storage unit. Those movers could also return the extra mobile walls to the church who lent them to us. Mrs. Williams will send a proposal to the board.

New Business

Principal Williams will attend Safe Serve Training in Greenville, SC on Monday, June 2nd. Per officials, this is the last step needed for Ridgeview's certification for Free and Reduced status.

We will meet with our bus vendor to go over plans on bus standards and flexible schedules due to the pandemic.

Teacher Evaluations will be completed in June.

Next Meeting

June 20, 2020 | 10:00 am | Ridgeview Charter School

Adjournment: 11:18

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