

RIDGEVIEW CHARTER BOARD MINUTES

Date: Saturday, August 29, 2020

Time: 10:00 am

Facilitator: Shezarrah Keane

In Attendance

Board members: Shezarrah Keane, Jennifer Stepp, Reshall Williams. Mikal Brown and Colleen Samuels joined via conference call.

Location

Ridgeview Charter School

Meeting Called to Order: 10:10

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve agenda with one correction by Mr. Brown, Second by Mrs. Samuels, Unanimous vote

Principal's Report

The enrollment goal is 250 students. There were 230 students who registered prior to school opening but some were not viable registrations due to lack of information and some chose not to attend because of other variables. The actual enrollment at this time is 213 students. We will continue with marketing efforts including online and media and in person opportunities when available. The budget will be adjusted and updated as the numbers of students change.

More parents decided to use the all remote option for their children than anticipated. The additional computers that were ordered have not yet arrived. The hybrid students do not have computers yet, but teachers are compensating by sending other work and assignments home with them. We will look at purchasing the computers elsewhere if they cannot be delivered soon.

We will contract with Kelly Services to provide substitute teachers and temporary food service workers. We will also use them to help fill staffing positions in the future.

We were awarded a NCACCESS grant in the amount of \$400,000. We were awarded \$90,000 for a School Resource Officer and hope to work with the Gaston County Police to secure this officer. We were awarded a \$1,000 grant from Wal-Mart that is for tutoring and educational resources. We may use this for online (Zoom) tutoring. We did not receive any 21st Century grant monies.

We received \$96,000 in Title one and EC entitlement monies. We are looking to hire a MTSS staff member.

We are still awaiting our approval from the FDA for free and reduced lunch after applying a year ago. We have met all requirements and are hopeful to have that approval soon.

Our annual audit went very well. The accountant said our personnel files, student files, and policy files were excellent. Our insurance audit is coming up and the forms have been sent in for review.

The facility report included holes in the roof that need to be repaired by the church, some issues with the HVAC as far as hot and cold spots that need to be checked. The kitchen was professionally cleaned. The rooms and some common spaces have been painted and rooms have new furniture.

There was a fire inspection on August 28th. The only findings were a couple of things that need to be moved from doorways and a few of doors that need to be repaired so that they close completely. There were also a couple of fire extinguishers that need to be inspected that must have been missed when the others were inspected. The fire inspector will get back to us on how to hold fire drills during Covid-19.

Work is in process to prepare for the future modular units.

Currently the enrollment numbers support the teachers we have. If there have to be changes or a reduction in force that should happen in early September. We are still looking for an EC teacher and had one resignation of a classroom before school started.

Our Covid -19 protocol and safety plan is the same as Gaston County Schools. The school is professionally sanitized twice a week. UV lights are being used when classrooms are empty. We still have no school nurse but have clinic space and supplies.

Teachers will start coming in to school on Wednesdays to work on lesson plans, have grade level meetings, and participate in staff meetings.

We are working on a plan for state testing and how to have all the students come to the school in small groups for testing.

Old Business

Cintas was awarded the sanitation contract. They are one of the cleaning companies approved by the state.

Buses are being left at the school again as stated in the contract. The Boys and Girls Club has been added to the route.

New Business

Radio advertising will be extended to mid-October.

We will have a hands-free water supply with a filtration system attached to the water fountains.

Comments and Announcements

Board members were invited and encouraged to tour the building after the meeting or at another time when their schedule allows.

Next Meeting

September 19, 2020 | 10:00 am | Ridgeview Charter School

Adjournment: 11:27

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