

RIDGEVIEW CHARTER BOARD MINUTES

Date: Saturday, December 19, 2020

Time: 12:30 pm

Facilitator: Shezarrah Keane

In Attendance

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

Location

Conference call

Meeting Called to Order: 12:36

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve by Mrs. Stepp, second by Mrs. Samuels, unanimous vote

Approval of Minutes

Tabled until next month

Principal's Report

Fall registration for the 2021 school year has opened and the school is receiving 2-3 applications a day.

We will begin to look at marketing beyond our online presence. We are awaiting mailers and looking into radio ads and a rolling advertisement on the monitors in the DMV offices. It was suggested we look into the cost of a billboard advertisement. Video ads on social media sites were also suggested as a marketing possibility. Some monies from the NC Access grant are specifically earmarked for marketing and will be used to fund marketing strategies.

Next year's target audience is grades K-6. The ADM goal is 280 with 40 students and 2 teachers per grade. The mobile units will provide 6-8 extra rooms if we are able to get them set up. There have been delays due to Covid -19.

There will be an academics presentation in the upcoming months. Testing is complete but the data needs to be evaluated and formulated into a report. Internet issues caused some delays.

There will be a Professional Development Day before Christmas break and again before students return in January. Staff will prepare for and implement Project Intervention. This will be a level 3 target intervention. Teachers will analyze i-Station reading data to determine deficiencies. Groups and strategies for growth will be created based on the data. Students not working with staff will be working online. PE and Language teachers do not have class during the morning and will begin working with struggling readers from 9:00-10:00. A substitute teacher will come in 4 days a week to help with 1st and 2nd graders who are struggling in reading. After 6 weeks staff will consider progress to determine if any students should be referred to the EC teacher for further evaluation.

Staff will begin to send pamphlets home containing successful educational tips and information. Parents will be encouraged to read these with their children.

The current lease of the building is coming to an end and Mrs. Williams requested that the board meet with Bishop Mccullough to negotiate a new lease for the term of 2 years.

At this time, we have 1 staff member with a confirmed case of Covid-19. The school contacted the health department and notified all our families. One staff member voluntarily quarantined after travel and 6 students quarantined due to travel. The school continues to be diligent in following safety protocols.

Governor Cooper may extend Christmas break. We have discussed options for educating our students in case schools are forced to shut down again.

Presidents Report

Students were blessed by generous donors before the holidays. The church donated coats for the students. The Gastonia police department donated toys, clothes, and groceries through the Shop with a Cop program.

Financial report: The budget analysis is showing improvement. Some grant money is on hold until the next calendar year. We are awaiting reimbursements from NC Access grant. District monies have not posted yet. The first food reimbursement has been submitted and those monies should begin coming in soon. An equipment assistance grant was submitted.

Old Business

We continue to have issues with our bus company. We are seeking legal advice from a lawyer on how to best deal with contract violations. Per our contract there should be 3 operational buses available with 2 running daily and one as a back up. There should be working cameras on the buses as well. There are still problems with the routes. We continue to look at other bussing options for the future.

The board will continue to recruit qualified future board members.

New Business

Staff will continue to apply for grants.

Comments and Announcements

None

Next Meeting

January, 2021 | 10:00 am | Ridgeview Charter School

Adjournment: 1:28

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