

RIDGEVIEW CHARTER BOARD MINUTES

Date: Saturday, January 30, 2021

Time: 10:00 AM

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: 10:15

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

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

Principal's Report

Mrs. Williams gave an update on Covid 19 as it pertains to the school. The governor extended the Covid restrictions through February 28th but gave no further instructions concerning school operations. Gaston County Schools will continue to use the hybrid model. Ridgeview will continue to have traditional face to face instruction with a remote option. All students have been assigned Chrome Books that must remain at home in case of an emergency lockdown. Staff is prepared to transition to complete remote teaching if necessary. All students must do at least one homework assignment online each week to continue to be in the habit of using the Chrome Book and remain familiar with the functions and operations. If we go to complete remote learning staff will still report to the school during normal hours and teach from the classrooms in order to use the internet.

We continue to look for ways to market the school and increase community engagement. Principal Williams attended the ribbon cutting of a new 7-11 and was presented a check for \$1000. The store has adopted Ridgeview as a partner in education. We look forward to many opportunities to work together in the future. Pictures from the event will be put on the website.

The Gaston Gazette will be focusing on black history during February. On February 21st there will be a special pullout section focusing on Black History Month. One of the topics in this pullout is education. We have the opportunity to be featured under this topic. The board voted to purchase a full-page advertisement in the pullout. We will also receive a half page advertisement in the regular paper. The motion to purchase the ad was made by Mrs. Samuels, second by Mr. Brown, unanimous vote.

Principal Williams was invited to be a part of a panel for a round table discussion about charter schools during National Charter School Week. We will put the video of the event on the website.

Principal Williams will check into the cost of billboard advertising,

Principal Williams updated us on the facility. There are a couple of repairs we need to take care of in the boy's bathroom. One of the toilets is leaking and one of the sinks is broken. She will get quotes from plumbers for the repairs. There is also water damage in one of the kindergarten classrooms. Water continues to run down a wall. The classroom has been temporarily moved until repairs are made. The church should take care of these repairs.

Principal Williams will ask AES for a timeline for getting modular units for next school year. There is nowhere to expand and add sixth grade classrooms except for the gym. She is also going to ask if they are available to come our next board meeting.

Principal Williams is going to request that CSP send us financial reports and information before board meetings.

Current enrollment is 193 students. Registration for next year continues. If there is a need for a lottery it will take place in March.

Presidents Report

None

Old Business

A meeting to renegotiate the lease of the building with the church will likely take place in February or March. We are waiting to receive information on the modular units. The board will be notified.

New Business

None

Comments and Announcements

A card was sent to a former board member who had a death in her family. All board members expressed condolences.

Mrs. Keane will email the board the future board meeting dates that were previously approved so all members can make sure the meetings are on their calendars.

All meetings will take place on the campus of Ridgeview unless stated otherwise.

Next Meeting

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

Adjournment: 10:49

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