RIDGEVIEW CHARTER BOARD MINUTES

Date: Saturday, July 24, 2021
Time: 10:00 AM
Facilitator: Shezarrah Keane

In Attendance

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

Location

Ridgeview Charter School, 207 W. Bradley Ave., Gastonia, NC 28052

Meeting Called to Order: 10:21

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

June minutes will be voted on at the next meeting.

Principal's Report

Mrs. Williams reported that the Governor has pushed decisions about mask mandates and Covid protocol to local school boards. She recommended to contiue with masks, UV lights, and frequent handwashing. Vaccines will not be required for staff at this time.

Mrs. Williams gave an update on the students attending the summer academic program. The majority of students showed marked improvement. She also explained the assessment and reporting plan for students who need to show measurable growth from the summer program.

Mrs. Williams reported on a successful summer enrichment program through Firm Foundations.

Mrs. Williams informed the board that open house is scheduled for August 12th from 6:00-8:00 pm and parent orientation is scheduled for August 17th from 6:00-8:00 pm.

Mrs. Williams presented the proposed academic calendar for 2021/2022 to the board for approval. It will mirror Gaston County School's calendar but there will be no half days. Mrs. Samuels made the motion to approve, second by Mr. Brown, unanimous vote.

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Mrs. Williams gave a staff update. All positions are filled and teacher training will be held August 9th through August 20th. She proposed that the board hire a new position which would be a part time dean. Mrs. Samuels made the motion to approve, second by Mrs. Stepp, unanimous vote.

Mrs. Williams gave a report on the facilities. Repairs have been completed. The church will be replacing the carpet. We will paint the walls, add banners, and purchase new lobby furniture.

Mrs. Williams gave a marketing update. We will continue with the same marketing plan and techniques and we will send postcards out advertising fall enrollment. We will focus more on community engagement.

Presidents Report

None

Old Business

The board voted to approve the yearly audit done by Les Meritt, CPA. Mr. Brown made the motion to approve, second by Mrs. Samuels, unanimous vote.

New Business

Jennifer Lucas & Justin Matthews from Alliance Education Services presented their annual report. This included the 2021-2022 budget as well as updates on grants, the regional support team, student achievement, professional development plans, an outreach campaign, student recruitment, and a student improvement plan (SIP) with specific goals and objectives.

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

Motion to approve the Parent and Family Engagement Plan was made by Mrs. Samuels, second by Mr. Brown, unanimous vote.

Motion to approve the Mental Health Plan was made by Mrs. Stepp, second by Mrs. Samuels, unanimous vote.

Motion to approve the Covid protocol of mandatory masks was made by Mrs. Samuels, second by Mr. Brown. The vote was 4 to 1 with Mrs. Stepp opposed.

Mr. Kellen Nixon of Nixon and Co consulting group gave his annual report to the board.

Comments and Announcements

Mrs. Stepp suggested adding German as our next foreign language because of the many German businesses in the area and because Gastonia has a sister city in Gotha, Germany.

Mrs. Stepp suggested checking with the Dream Center Academy to see if any of our students may qualify for their afterschool and summer programs.

Mrs. Keane reported she is still seeking additional board members.

Next Meeting

April 26, 2021 |10:00 am |Ridgeview Charter School

Adjournment: 1:07

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