

Southeastern Academy Charter School Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, August 22nd, 2017

Location: Southeastern Academy Charter School – Science Classroom

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 6:31 pm Chairman Alvin Ivey

Roll Call:

Board Members Present: Alvin Ivey, Lori Blackley, Jay Britt, Alex Collins, Tami George, Shelley Foil, Gwendolyn Roberts Payne, Eric West,

Board Members Absent: Greg Caulder

Others Present: Tanya Branch, Kristen Stone

Mission Statement:

Chairman Alvin Ivey

Southeastern Academy Charter School will maintain high expectations and promote excellence, especially in the fields of math and science for all students. The school, within its rural community, will foster a caring and creative learning environment. The school emphasizes the social, emotional, physical, and intellectual development of each child. This will be obtained through learning experiences that help children reach their greatest potential in order to function as independent learners in a diverse and ever-changing society.

Approval of Minutes – July 18th, 2017 – Motion was made by Jay Britt. Seconded by Gwendolyn Roberts Payne. All in favor. Minutes approved.

Committee Reports-

Finance Committee – Tami George

Tami George reported that SeA has received 34% allotment from the State and that we are still working with the Charlotte Co to get the books straight.

Policy Committee – Alex Collins

No report at this time

Vision Committee – Lori Blackley

OPTS fundraising theme for the learning lab will be “Full STEAM Ahead.” Lori has Spoken with 2 people concerning grant writing and is working on getting a quote for a refurbished modular unit. Also, reminded committee chairs that Vision needs each committee’s goals in order to work on SeA 5 year goals.

Education – Gwendolyn Roberts Payne

It was reported that materials have been purchased for a 3-5 grade science curriculum. Grades 6-8 also have a new curriculum including new textbooks. The new textbooks will replace the online textbook offered the past couple of years.

K-2 will be starting a new Math program that is similar to the Reading 3-D program already being used. This will enable teachers to better group students based on individual skills.

A new Spanish language program has been purchased. Jill Britt will work with Ms. Powell to help implement the new program.

OPTS – Emily Jones

Emily Jones, OPTS president, was not present, but in a joint effort between Mrs. Stone and Lori Blackley, it was reported that OPTS has donated money for the charter bus

rental fee for the school field trip taken in August, the school reading achievement program as well as \$250 to each teacher to use in their classrooms.

The OPTS membership drive is going on now and will wrap up the end of September. The class with the highest membership average will be rewarded with an ice cream party.

OPTS is working on a Thanksgiving “We Are Thankful” no-fuss fundraiser. More information to come.

After much discussion, OPTS has decided to move the auction to Spring 2018. An official date has yet to be determined.

Report from the Principal – Kristen Stone

Enrollment – Enrollment has held steady at 218 students. Several spots have been replaced because of withdrawals.

Great American Eclipse Field Trip – Initially the field trip was going to be school-wide. After some discussion with the teaching staff it was decided to not include Kindergartners. Everyone reported having a great time on the field trip. Many board members were able to attend. Students and chaperones were able to watch the eclipse and see how it affected the animals. Jay Britt asked Lori Blackley to relay a message to OPTS letting them know how much the Board appreciates OPTS paying for the buses.

Mrs. Stone reported that there is a program that can be used for the lottery. Parents will get a text with placement or wait list (including sibling preference) placement. The program runs about \$1400 per year. The Board needs to make a decision of whether or not we want to use it at SeA by November so training can be scheduled. Decision was made to put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

November 9th and 10th is the NC Teachers Conference. 12 teachers are attending.

Report from the Financial Secretary – Tanya Branch

Tanya Branch reported that repairs are completed on the roof and Calvin Ard was paid in August.

Jeff Kennedy completed the storage closet that will allow storage for Mr. McDaniel’s equipment as well as props, etc. used by the Drama club. The closet cost \$1400 and Mr. Kennedy was paid in August.

At 6:54 pm, Chairman Alvin Ivey requested that the board go into closed session. Jay Britt made the motion and Gwendolyn Roberts Payne seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

At 7:08 pm, Jay Britt made a motion to adjourn closed session. Lori Blackley seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Lori Blackley made a motion that the SeA Board general meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Jay Britt. All in favor. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 pm by Chairman Alvin Ivey.

Next meeting will be September 19th, 2017 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Foil, Secretary