

Southeastern Academy Charter School
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, March 13 , 2018

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Southeastern Academy Charter School – Science Classroom

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm

Chairman Alvin Ivey

Roll Call:

Board Members Present: Alvin Ivey, Lori Blackley, Jay Britt, Greg Caulder,
Shelley Foil, Tami George, Eric West

Board Members Absent: Alex Collins, Gwendolyn Roberts Payne

Others Present: Tanya Branch, Kristen Stone, Brandon Love, Suzanne Jackson, Richard Barnes,
Patricia Barnes, Tiffany Walters

Mission Statement:

Chairman Alvin Ivey

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Vision Statement:

A Diverse Family of Learners that Seek to Challenge the Whole Child Through Innovation.

Approval of January 23rd, 2018 Minutes – Chairman Alvin Ivey

Motion was made by Tami George to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Lori Blackley. All in favor. Minutes approved.

STEAM Lab Plans Presentation – Brandon Love

The preliminary designs were presented by architect, Brandon Love. Board members had the opportunity to view the plans and this followed by a Q&A session. Brandon Love stated that no budget was given when designing the building. Noted that construction bids are on the rise. With the current design, it is reasonable to expect 5 months from start to finish.

SeA IT Update - Richard Barnes

Richard Barnes reported that the school leased 50 desktops from Dell on 8/13/2013 for 60 months with \$1 end of lease purchase option or return to Dell at school's expense. Average lifespan of a desktop is 3-5 years. We also have 16 laptops. These were purchased in 2014. Two of the 16 laptops are out of service due to failure. Average laptop lifespan is 4 years.

Richard Barnes presented a handout with different options for how to proceed but ultimately recommended that the Board consider leasing the desktops and purchasing new laptops. He also recommended purchasing smaller laptops with docking stations. This could decrease the number of laptops needed.

Lori Blackley made a motion that the Board approve the purchase of the existing 50 desktops for \$1 and that the Board evaluate the budget and discuss with teachers their computer needs so we can revisit the topic at the May meeting. Motion seconded by Greg Caulder. All in favor. Motion carried.

Committee Reports –

OPTS Update - Suzanne Jackson, OPTS Vice-President

The Spring Auction is Thursday, March 15th. OPTS has \$33,750 donated/committed to date with an ultimate goal of \$50,000 by the end of the auction.

Finance - Tami George, chair

Finance has completed their goals and submitted to Vision

Policy - Eric West, chair

Policy has not met since the last Board meeting. Working on Code of Conduct for parents.

Vision - Lori Blackley, chair

Lori Blackley reported that Vision has been working extensively with Brandon Love on the STEAM Lab plans. She thanked the Board for the money to pay for the architect fees which will be paid soon. More money needs to be raised before we can work on grants. Heather Walters is still working to secure more donations. A “Brick Campaign” will be strategically planned as well. Committee goals will be presented at the May meeting.

Education - Gwendolyn Roberts Payne, chair

Kristen Stone reported that the Education committee met on February 12th.

Benchmark scores

ELA - 3rd through 8th grade - about 8% higher than last year

Math - 3rd through 5th grade - about 3% lower than last year

6th through 8th grade - about the same as last year

*Small group remediation is planned during resource/extra PE as needed.

Student of the Month – A parent was concerned that her child had not yet been recognized. The child felt like it was a popularity contest. The purpose is to recognize outstanding behavior and school work. Will try to look at students who have never been chosen moving forward. The parent seemed satisfied.

Report from the Principal – Kristen Stone, Principal

Beta Inductions/Conference –

23 new Betas inducted on January 31st.

SeA received the National Beta School of Merit Recognition again.

2016-17 - Performance Framework handout distributed. SeA was compliant in all areas except for one which was the student health and safety requirement. Steps have already been taken to address this. 10 staff underwent Diabetes and CPR training. The Performance Framework also showed that SeA's school performance grade was a “B” and that we exceeded expected growth.

Lottery Updates – The lottery will be held on March 29th using the new Lotterease system. As of March 13th there are 188 names entered in the lottery.

Summer School/ Reading Camp:

5/29 – Math Instructional Day

5/30 – Math EOG Administration

5/31 – Reading Instructional Day
6/1 - Reading EOG Administration
6/4 – Science Remediation
6/5 – Science EOG Administration

Student school day will run from 8:30-12:00. Teachers will work 8:00-12:00. Students will provide their own bagged lunch and transportation.

Jay Britt made a motion to approve the summer school plan. Lori Blackley seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Report from the Financial Secretary – Tanya Branch, Financial Secretary

Tanya Branch distributed the SeA Financial report through February 28, 2018. She reported that the budget is on track and that there are no further repairs at this time.

Other Business – Nothing to report

At 7:42pm Lori Blackley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Jay Britt. All in favor. Motion carried.

The SeA March Board meeting was adjourned at 7:43 by Chairman, Alvin Ivey.

Next meeting will be May 22nd, 2018 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Shelley Foil

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Board of Directors – 2017-2018 Academic Year

Alvin Ivey, Chairman
Tami George, Treasurer
Shelley Foil, Secretary
Lori Blackley
Jay Britt
Greg Caulder
Alex Collins
Gwendolyn Roberts Payne
Eric West

2017-2018 SeA Board Meeting Schedule

July 18, 2017
August 22, 2017
September 19, 2017
November 14, 2017
January 23, 2018
March 13, 2018
May 21, 2018
June 19, 2018

