



Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
3.14.2023
27 Balm Grove Avenue
Asheville, NC

Board Members: Gene Bell (Chair), Robby Russell (Treasurer), Dwight Mullen (Director), Andy Barnett (Director), Kathey Avery (Director), Kerry Freidman (Director), David Robinson (Director)

Present:

Robby Russell
Kathey Avery
David Robinson
Kerry Freidman
Dwight Mullen
Andy Barnett

Absent

Gene Bell

Additional Persons Present: Brenda Tipton, Kidada Wynn, Amy Cantrell, and Nnweyna Smith

I. Opening and Quorum:

The regular meeting was called to order by Robby Russell at 5:39PM with six of seven members present.

II. Public Comments:

Amy Cantrell and Nnweyna Smith spoke of concerns in the change of teachers and expressed creating a better atmosphere with things running more smoothly as we move forward. They also said PAPA would like better communication from the Board. Robby Russell responded that the Board is diligently working through things and is motivated to get everything resolved and communicate what he can. Robby assured everyone that the Board is taking things very seriously and moving accordingly.

III. Approval of Consent Agenda and Minutes

Kerry Freidman moved to approve the consent agenda, Andy Barnett seconds. All unanimously agree to approve regular meeting minutes. There was a brief discussion about the closed meeting minutes. A motion was made by Kerry Friedman and seconded by Kathey Avery to hold closed meeting minutes based on approval of new council. The motion carried with none opposed.

IV. School Leader Report

Kidada Wynn reported the lottery closes March 31, 2023. It looks like there will be two classes for each grade level possibly. Dogwood will be here on 3/17 for a walk-thru. There was a discussion on the administration attending the Charter School Leadership Conference in Texas. Mrs. Wynn also discussed creating a donor newsletter as a thank you to donors. A community partnership revamp was also discussed. The summer reading boot camp planning is in process for grades 2-5. There was also discussion about the transportation for the summer program regarding DPI awareness. Kidada also discussed creating a three-year strategic plan, a school improvement plan, and a financial budget execution plan. Lunch continues to be an issue despite meeting with the vendor, so Mrs. Wynn is exploring other options for next school year. There was discussion of creating MOU's with Buncombe County Schools and Asheville City Schools as well as the need for a social worker at PEAK. Cameras and coverage for the parking lot given the situation with the homeless were also discussed.

V. Financial Report (Robby Russell)

Robby Russell reported that the audit came back clean and is good. There needs to be policies and procedures in place moving forward.

VI. Closed Session

Robby Russell made a motion to move into closed session to discuss personnel and legal matters, Kerry Friedman seconds. All unanimously agree and the Board moves into closed session. After discussion of hiring new legal counsel and personnel matters, Robby Russell made a motion to return to open session and David Robinson seconds. The Board returned to open session per vote in open session.

VII. Adjournment

Robby Russell makes a motion to adjourn, Andy Barnett seconds. All unanimously agree and meeting adjourns at 7:10PM.