

**Mallard Creek and Southwest Charlotte STEM Academy Board of Directors
Meeting
Wednesday, April 14, 2021
Southwest Charlotte STEM Academy**

Present: Shelly Domenech, Kellen Nixon, Christy Condon, Tyrone Harmon

Missing: Jose Garcia

Other: Jennifer Lucas (Managing Director), Deanna Smith (MCSA principal), Shekeria Barnes (SCSA principal), several MCSA/SCSA community members via Zoom

6:38 Call to Order

Mr. Harmon called the meeting to order. He extended a welcome to the board and community members in person and on Zoom.

6:40 Principal Reports: Ms. Deanna Smith, MCSA (*See Principal Report)

Enrollment: 943 students; 143 new students have enrolled for the 21-22 school year. The number is increasing daily as families submit their paperwork.

Academics: Teachers preparing for end of year assessments. The EOG will begin on May 5th.

EC: MCSA is in EC compliance at this time.

Before/After care: No updates ‘

Transportation: Ms. Smith reiterated that they felt that Olympic Transportation continues to do a great job.

Other: MCSA hosted a Duke Energy Science Night. Stations were set up by Duke volunteers for families to participate in various activities including DNA, microscopes, biology labs, etc. Everyone was very complimentary of the event.

MCSA will also participate in a Project STEM partnership with Amazon. It will be an elective for middle school under the Computer Science curriculum. The elective will be funded for three years at no cost. Topics will include Computer Science & Creative Media, Fund Scratch and Artificial Intelligence to name a few.

Summer Camp was offered to all students and there is currently a waitlist.

6:51 Principal Reports: Ms. Shekeria Barnes, SCSA (*See Principal Report)

Enrollment: There are currently 286 students on campus while 344 remain on campus.

Staffing: 1 teacher recently had to resign, but Ms. Barnes was able to secure a replacement for her.

Curriculum & Instruction: EOG Parent Sessions will be held for each grade level during the next two weeks. Parents will find out dates and other information that pertains to the EOG.

Internal Facility: No updates at this time as everything is on track and no repairs are needed.

External Facility: The turf is currently being installed and it should take approximately 3 weeks to complete.

Before/After care: TAPS will offer their services for the summer enrichment camp.

Operations: We are at 106% of all families being deemed as contactable via ParentSquare.

Transportation: Kudos to Olympic Transportation for their cleanliness, promptness and safety record. They will provide transportation for the summer enrichment camp.

Compliance: Submitted one item to complete the Title-One audit requirements.

Other: An Enrichment Camp, Orbit around the Sun, will be held during the summer. Students will be invited to participate according to priority, lack of attendance, participation or low class/test performance then will be open to all students. SCSA is also looking forward to a virtual talent show at the end of the month.

Ms. Domenech inquired about teacher vaccinations. Ms. Barnes reported that teachers are able to take a day in order to receive their vaccination.

7:04 Approval of Minutes from last meeting

Mr. Harmon called for any additions or edits to the minutes from the last board meeting. No additions or deletions were suggested to be made to the March 2021 minutes. Ms. Condon made a motion to approve the March minutes. Mr. Nixon seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously. Board tally: 4/4

7:06 Budget Update: Both schools are in good financial standing. Ms. Lucas has applied for an additional grant for both schools. The funds can be used for transportation, food, additional student support services, attendance secretary, social worker, etc.

There still hasn't been an official budget passed from the state. The quarterly bond report is due next month.

7:13 Adjourn Mr. Harmon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Nixon seconded the motion. The meeting was unanimously adjourned. Vote tally: 4/4. The meeting is adjourned.