

Mallard Creek and Southwest Charlotte STEM Academy
Board of Directors Meeting
September 1, 2021 5:30 pm
Live @ MCSA

7:08 Call to Order

Present: Jose G., Tyrone H., Kellen N., Shelly D.,

Also Present: Deanna, Jennifer, Shekeria, Stacy, Darryl, Raheem, Justin, Elizabeth, Dione, Carla

7:09 Introduction of Board Members

7:12 Approval of July Minutes

Motion to approve: Tyrone

Second: Shelly

No Discussion

Motion to approve the minutes approved unanimously 4/4

7:13 Principal Report - Deanna Smith (Report Attached)

Enrollment - currently 945

Academics - BOG3 given, I-ready Benchmarks

New Programs - Quest classrooms (gifted & talented students)

Code Green Founder, Lauren Bloodworth, highlighted in Ebony Magazine for the club she founded.

Middle school electives off to a good start

Virtual curriculum nights will be held.

Covid-19 dashboard has been created, 7 elementary cases & 7 middle school cases

7:20 Principal Report - Shekeria Barnes (Report Attached)

Enrollment - currently 781

Dashboard -11 students to-date

Academics - BOG3 given, I-Ready Benchmarks

Staffing - EC department started off strong this year

Facilities - HVAC issues early, but all have been resolved

Lights are active, final inspections with the city

Waiting to get documents to re-install the playground

Locking swing gates will be installed on both campuses

Parent Square being used for

New Before/Aftercare program started with STEM Enrichment

New bus, Universe added

7:30 Budget Update:

Schools are both in excellent financial condition with positive fund balances and increased net position.

7:36 Regional Support Team: (First two weeks update)

Carla Forbes, EC Director - working on enrollment, gathering IEPs, creating schedules
Stacy Austin, MTSS Coordinator - facilitating beginning of the year assessments, analyzing data, planning meetings to meet with teams to discuss their data in data chats.

Darryl Williams, Regional Instructional Support Specialist - supporting teachers with curriculum and pacing, providing PD for new math curriculum and online instructional tools

Dione Duncan, BT, Licensure, PD Coordinator - meeting with teachers to provide support with licensure needs, provided BT Orientation for all new teachers

7:42 Legislature Update:

Justin Matthews, Final bill disallowed charter from providing remote learning
On Monday, Governor Cooper allowed charters to develop emergency Covid plans that will allow charter schools to implement virtual learning for students. The board will have to vote if both schools will implement a virtual platform as a short term solution.

SB654 - law passed to provide virtual instruction due to Covid-19.

Jose proposed questions to who will implement the Covid-19 virtual plan. Who will determine when the plan and who will receive the virtual instruction? There was much discussion related to who would determine and approve student requests for virtual, and who would determine the need for remote learning activation? Board asked for the team to develop and share the completed components of each plan, but more importantly, a decision tree that identifies the roles and responsibilities of the school leader to “trigger” action as it relates to requests for virtual learning and as it relates to full remote delivery for groups, or the entire school. This action is tentatively approved pending final submission. Jose requests that the decision tree is very specific as it relates to who (staff/teachers) will deliver virtual options and how they will be compensated for additional responsibilities

8:30 14 component plan to provide virtual instruction will be provided to the board by Oct. 1st, the board will hold a special session to go over the document before it goes live.

Motion to approve the mask mandate: Tyrone H.

Second: Shelly D.

Mask Mandate Motion passed Motion to approve the mask mandate approved unanimously 4/4

8:38 Motion to adjourn: Shelly D.

Second: Kellen N.

No further discussion. Motion to adjourn unanimously moved at 8:38

8:39 Adjourn