

Mallard Creek and Southwest Charlotte STEM Academy
Board of Directors Meeting
August 26th 7:00 pm
At ZOOM due to COVID-19

Present: Jose Garcia, Tyrone Harmon, Shelly Domenech, Kellen Nixon,

Missing: Vishu Cook, Christy Condon

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

7:02 Call to Order

Mr. Garcia called the meeting to order and welcomed the group to the meeting.

7:03 Approval of Minutes from last meeting

No additions or deletions were suggested to be made to the July 2020 minutes. Mr. Harmon made a motion to approve the July minutes. Ms. Domenech seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously. Board tally: 4/4

6:45 Principal Reports: Ms. Deanna Smith, MCSA (*See Principal Report)

Enrollments: Families are still inquiring about enrollment at this time. The ADM Goal has been met.

Academics: Assessments are beginning. Support staff is in place to do small groups for distance learners. iReady assessments will be given. Ms. Domenech inquired about iReady. Ms. Smith stated it gives data and resources for teachers to drive their instruction.

Distance Learning: Started off with many challenges, but things are improving as students and families are getting used to the format.

Before/After Care: Very limited number of students attending before and after care.

EC: In compliance at this time.

Facilities: An area of the building was damaged from the earthquake. The sheetrock will be repaired. Other than that building is in great shape. Custodians are doing a great job keeping all high traffic areas cleaned.

Exterior: A fence was placed around the playground.

Parent Partnerships: Had a virtual meeting with family/community committee and set goals for the year. Create stronger relationships between school & families and make sure everyone is being reached where two of the goals are discussed. Next step will be to invite families to the table to discuss what the needs of the school community are.

Other: Ms. Domench asked if we are okay with technology. Ms. Smith stated that 260 more laptops are on backorder and the school has loaned out 240 laptops so far.

7:28 Principal Reports: Ms. Shekeria Barnes, SCSA (*See Principal Report)

Enrollment: ADM goal of 645, currently 646 students enrolled.

Academics: Currently working on building school culture and learning the procedures of the “new” way of having school. In person students are practicing social distancing, wearing masks, and teachers making sure all procedures are being communicated. Students are reviewing material from the spring. Remote students are getting acquainted with google classroom and joining virtually.

Staffing: No update

Communication: Admin and teachers are communicating via ParentSquare and email to ensure everyone is being reached.

Technology: SCSA is also waiting on additional laptops. Most challenges stem from login issues, but the team is working on them.

Facilities: BCCG made some interior repairs in the building due to settling in areas. All of the furniture for the year arrived.

Exterior: Still waiting on information regarding the turf field. Mr. Harmon stated the city/county will be out to look at property.

Other: Mr. Harmon asked how buses are running this year. Both principals stated everything has been going great. Olympic Transportation did an excellent job preparing for the new school year.

7:47 Approval of Procurement Plan:

Ms. Lucas discussed the School RFP Vendors and the school lunch program for both schools. The procurement plan Ms. Domenech made a motion to approve the procurement plan. Mr. Nixon seconded the motion. Procurement Plan approved unanimously. Board tally: 4/4

7:52 Ms. Lucas announced both schools received the Safety & Security grants. She is currently working on finalizing everything for the Title I, II, & III grants. All audits conducted reported both schools in good standing. Both schools received training with the new Title 9 Policy regarding Sexual Harrassment and Sex Trafficking.

7:59 Parent requested that the board introduce themselves. All board members did a short introduction. Ms. Lucas stated that everyone's bio information is located on each school's website.

8:06 Ms. Kenan and Ms. White thanked SCSA for a great opening. Appreciated all of the effort shown to opening the school under a pandemic. Ms. Vaughn thanked the board for a very informative meeting. Ms. Roberts echoed her thanks as well. Ms. Sturgill thanked the SCSA admin team and stated, Mr. Mac was a perfect addition to the team.

8:14 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.