

**Mallard Creek and
Southwest Charlotte STEM Academy
Board of Directors Meeting
January 25th Live Via ZOOM at 6PM**

6:00 Call to Order

Meeting is called to order at 6:21

In attendance: Deanna Smith, Shekeria Barnes, Kellen Nixon, Christy Condon, Shelly Domenech, Jose Garcia

Also in Attendance: Jennifer Lucas, Justin Matthews, Principals and AP (both Schools)

Absent: Tyrone Harmon

6:05 Approval of Minutes from last meeting (December) Christy made a motion to approve the December board minutes. Motion seconded by Kellen. No further discussion and the motion is passed unanimously

6:10 Public Comment: Delijah Williams (parent at MCSA) asked how we had a zoom “bomber” that forced us to shut down the zoom and reopen. We discussed and will provide a parent and community link in future that will require participants to register to join for safety purposes.

Deanna Smith

6:20 ~~Highlight~~ **Highlight Reports:**

Academic growth in I ready and Case 21

Teams are working closely on grade level standards and strands for growth and working on after school tutoring and test prep or skill based focus depending in the students needs. 354 new applicants for the new lottery in February and 2 new family tours coming up.

Today we had 65 people sign up for the tours so far in January. Tours are divided by ES or MS so the principals can focus on each building and specialization in each program Teachers organized a math curriculum night this evening and it a student-led night and students taught their parents what they have learned.

Homecoming is next week but they have a championship game at SCSA tomorrow and its so fun to work together.

Students growing as athletes and scholars.

AD Clay Sanders is doing such a great job.

Hiring fairs pending

Professional development is coming (Fresh Take) annual conference

Shekeria Barnes

Highlight on:

Student enrollment

Special events or activities

Homecoming

New applications

STEM Fair 2/16
New data that shows growth
Fully staffed.

Facility updates: Justin presented facility updates that include new playground equipment purchased and ready for install at SCSA weather dependent. Gymnasium upgrades are complete. Most importantly, we have begun all the due diligence to see if MCSA will be able to build a full turf field as well. Research and due diligence have begun and we will keep the board and families posted on progress. Both schools are looking into options for new and better lighting for the parking lots. Looking into Duke leased lighting programs as well as purchased lighting.

Financials: Both schools have incredibly healthy financials. Each month, the net position grows stronger as any debt service is paid. Both schools are in arrears for local funding which will continue through June, but that money is guaranteed. Fortunately both schools have a healthy fund balance to pull from until the local funds come in and balance the budget. All state money will be spent during the year as well as any funds from grants that expire. The Schools have funds for instructional items, teacher bonuses (paid this year as well) and ongoing needs.

Action items: Approve new calendar and testing plan for retakes

6:42 Discussion on the calendar and confirmation that the families and staff have time for preparation and planning for next year. Principals are able to confirm that leadership developed the calendar with feedback from the staff, It meets all the requirements the Board put out last year and exceeds the number of instructional hours required and has flexibility should a school day be disrupted due to weather or any other circumstance. Kellen made a motion to approve the calendar and Christy seconded the motion. Jose calls for more discussion and no further questions. Motion passed unanimously.

6:50: Discussion on action items for summer camp remediation and testing plan for retakes of the Reading and Math EOG in grades 3-8. Share the academic camp information and plan for the summer camp. The camp includes transportation, and food service and is tuition free for families. Jose asked about the finances that support the program and Justin replied about the financial health, and the thought put into the program to support struggling students. Confirmed that the budgets are healthy to sustain this program and provide the students access to help and opportunity to retake the tests, There was no further discussion after those questions. Christy made the motion to approve the testing (retesting) plan according to the design and the motion was seconded by Kellen. No further comments and after the board vote, the motion was approved unanimously.

6:55: no new business and no follow up on old business

6:58 Kellen made a motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Christy. Jose called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.

