

Mallard Creek and Southwest Charlotte STEM Academy
Board of Directors Meeting
June 17 6:00 pm
At ZOOM due to COVID-19

Present: Jose Garcia, Christy Condon, Tyrone Harmon, Shelly Domenech, Kellen Nixon, Vishu Cook

Missing: All present

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

6:08 Call to Order

Mr.Garcia called the meeting to order. Welcomes the group to the meeting.

6:10 Approval of Minutes from last meeting

No additions or deletions were suggested to be made to the May 2020 minutes. Ms. Condon made a motion to approve the April minutes. Ms. Cook seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously. Board tally: 6/6

6:11 Approval of Updated School Calendar:

New calendar includes 5 remote learning days and an August 17th start date for students. Mr. Garcia asked if inclement weather days will be added. Those days will occur on a remote learning day if needed. Ms. Condon made a motion to approve the updated school calendar. Ms. Cook seconded the motion. Calendar approved unanimously. Board tally: 6/6

6:14 Remote Learning Updates for MCSA & SCSA

Both schools are in the process of making plans for back to school. The state has shared three scenarios for reopening. Plan A - All students attend face to face. Plan B - Open with reduced capacity. Plan C - Open remotely. Both schools will be ready to open under one of the three plans and have protocols in place when school opens. We are currently awaiting the state's decision. Both schools will participate in PD in regards to the Google Ed platform. A Summer Bridge Remote Learning program will be offered at both schools. This is being offered to help decrease the summer learning gap. Summer Jump Start program will be offered to students who face academic challenges. Ms. Cook asked if transportation will be provided. Ms. Lucas stated, transportation is not provided. Mr. Harmon asked how long the sessions will

occur. Ms. Lucas stated, Summer Bridge 6 weeks and Jumpstart 4 weeks. Ms. Cook made a motion to approve the summer learning programs. Mr. Harmon seconded the motion. The summer programs were unanimously approved. Board tally: 6/6

6:38 Overview of PPE equipment and safety measures

Both schools have ordered infrared thermometers, UV sanitation lights, masks, face shields, a large drum of hand sanitizer. Both schools will perform temperature checks and have hand sanitizing stations throughout the school.

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

Enrollments: Students are still enrolling at this time. If a family moves, there is a waiting list to replace the student.

Academics: MCSA teachers created YouTube videos of “What to Expect” in their grade level for the rising students. Families appreciated them.

Distance Learning: Teachers did a great job communicating with families and are continuing to communicate during the summer.

Staffing: Interviewing is ongoing.

Other: A new family zoom meeting is scheduled for July 13th to learn about upcoming events.

7:03 Principal Reports: Ms. Shekeria Barnes, SCSA (*See Principal Report)

Ms. Barnes would like to acknowledge the families that have joined. Many of those in attendance attended the first Summer Task Force meeting earlier in the day.

Academics: A link to the Summer Bridge plan shared.

Staffing: SCSA has hired a 3rd grade teacher, 7th grade Science teacher and re-hired a 1st grade teacher that had been previously rifted to fill some positions created by additional enrollment. The interview teams will continue to interview throughout July to fill vacancies.

Enrollment: The current enrollment is 636 students for the upcoming school year.

EC: SCOSA and MCSA will share an EC compliance director for the upcoming school year. SCOSA will hire an additional EC teacher.

Other: Mr. Harmon stated that additional exterior lighting will be added to the building and he has located a spirit rock to place in front of the school. Ms. Cook suggested assisting parents with providing spaces for multiple students to participate in remote learning if necessary. She suggested an app that could be used. Ms. Condon stated that it might be helpful to have EC students come in early to assist with procedures of a new school year.

7:24 Adjourn

Mr. Harmon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Domenech seconded the motion. The meeting was unanimously adjourned. Vote tally: 6/6. The meeting is adjourned.