

Mallard Creek and Southwest Charlotte STEM Academy
Board of Directors Meeting
February 23rd, 2021
Held at MCSA STEM Lab

7:00 Call to Order

Meeting is called to order at 7:03

7:05 Approval of Minutes from last meeting

No discussion or corrections for the minutes. Christy made a motion to approve the minutes and Tyrone seconded the motion. No discussion, motion passed unanimously

7:10 Principal Reports: Attached as PDF

Highlight on:

Student academic performance

Enrollment and upcoming lottery

Celebrations

MCSA: Deanna Smith – highlight: first in person tour since March 2020. Had 55 families who joined the tour! 496 lottery applicants includes families on the wait list. Completed Case 21 benchmarks and working on disaggregated the data. Preliminary data showing progress towards 1 year plus of growth. Looking at data with teams to prepare teachers to help students ready for the exams.

MCSA still waiting on a date from DPI for a date selection for their STEM certification. Tonight the Middle school had a black history month presentation. STEM fair coming up in March. Evening event mostly engineering based topics and projects. Kellen doing a lot of help with the parent outreach and support for the programs. Celebrations for sports is that both boys and girls' middle school teams won the basketball championship for the whole league. Great experience. MCSA concluded its Title 1 monitoring audit and we passed with no findings and no corrective action items.

SCSA: Shekeria Barnes- highlight: enrollment hasn't changed much. Shekeria just finished a zoom for parent meeting but tours begin in March and April. Once they get the uniforms they are committed. Sports program and other clubs are helping increase word of mouth for new families. Only 2 remote students now instead of 4. They have 4 covid cases. February was a much better month. Same pace as MCSA. Just finished Case 21. Using healthy competitions on Iready and setting up student incentives to keep students engaged at home as well. Fully staffed. Did a great refill. Have a behavior management specialist in now to help students with coming back in and less crying etc. Waiting on final quotes for bleachers score board and speaker system. May need to relocate the outside playground again to maximize space. Getting final inspections for the kitchen upgrade. Over big hurdle on electrical permit. Hoping final inspections by end of next week. Young explores early and after care program is running great. Buses running better, drivers are consistent. Hornets came to see the 5th graders from a competition with Iready. Got new books and black history month activities and celebrations. Great field trips planned and Ms. Harmon is helping plan a DC trip and San Frisco trip for the middle school.

7:35 Approval new Calendars 2022-23 only.

Justin presented new calendars.

Both calendars provide increased PD days for teachers pre-planning and the building will open on Aug 1 for teachers to move in and prep rooms. Question from Jose regarding pd or days off for grades and end of quarter teacher and parent conferences. Many questions over offering an open PD day in the month of October. There was a lot of discussion regarding start dates for teachers and planning and days off in the fall. Christy made the motion to approve the calendars with a provision to add a day in October. Tyrone second the motion and other than the provision, the motion passed.

8:00 Mask Policy update for approval- presented the new language for voluntary masking.

We would put out a new update with notice as to when the new policy would start. Jose says that the Feb 26th the mask guidelines expire and how do we support the school's decision and timeline. We will follow the same guideline as CMS and offer March 8th. Agree that we can't enforce a statute that expired but we are optimistically hoping there isn't pushback. Christy made a motion to approve the new mask policy to make masks optional beginning March 8 and we will still encourage masks when we cant socially distant and to continue to follow the NC Toolkit safe schools guidelines. Tyrone second the motion and no further discussion. The motion passes unanimously

7:40 Budget/bond reports/forecast/Facility

Financial reports are in. both schools can pay its bills for over half the year if no more revenue came in. Financially, the coverage ratio is 1.6 which is a healthy balance. Year over year review shows that we have increased the surplus by \$75,000 and o the balance sheet the net position is technically is negative due to normal depreciation related to bond issuance etc because the bond carried capitalized interest which allowed the school to grow into its building. Decreased the negative position by over a million dollars. Also have better than expected NSLP revenue. SCSA is owed money from other schools by carrying food service. SCSA is \$250,000 positive and so great for a young school.

At the end of January MCSA is sitting almost with a \$500,000 surplus. A lot of this is due to the grants past two years and taking advantage of all the funding allocated to us. MCSA has also done a great job in housing the early and aftercare program.

8:00 Public Comment no public comment

8:25 Adjourn

Christy made the motion to adjourn and tyrone second the motion.. Meeting is adjourned at 8:25