

HCS Board Meeting 4-29-19

Attendance

Attending: Ricky Cannon, Jean Spruell, Ron Elkins, Joe McDowell, Nicole Flanary, Joyce Betts, Zane Stilwell

Staff attending: Juliana Harris

Guests attending: Rhonda Mayer, Shanna Steinert

Public attendance: None

Meeting Called to Order

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Joe McDowell at 7:07 PM

Joe gave thanks to all previous board members from previous HCS applications in all their work to help get Hobgood Charter School to this point.

Joe also added a Thought of the Day for members: "There is no limit to what can be done if no one cares who gets the credit." (A similar thought felt to be credited to a Jesuit Priest Father Strickland in 1863). He praised the Board members for their untiring, dedicated work toward our school's success.

Joe also had an Emphasis of the Day: "Be quick, but don't hurry" (Coach John Wooden), saying let us move expediently but give each item the time and consideration it deserves.

Motion to approve minutes from 4-15-19 meeting by Ricky, Ron with the 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Ricky to amend agenda to add discussion with Hobgood Academy regarding coexisting on same campus during the following school year. Jean with the 2nd, motion carries unanimously.

Enrollment to Date

Ron provided an update of the number of children "accepted" to date and the number "enrolled" to date.

Board Business

During last meeting, Lindsey Moore submitted her resignation. Nicole moved to accept Lindsey Moore's resignation the board, Ricky 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Members discussed, board member recruitment and applications for the future. Motion made by Nicole for Ron to find HCS Board member application and post online in the future, Rick with the 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of separate committee for nominations, however consensus was that the governance committee would continue to serve this function.

RTO (Ready To Open) Policy Review/Update

Juliana presented policies due in RTO, May 24th, policies needing review and approval are as follows: parent student handbook, EC discipline policy, EC confidentiality, EC accountability, EC maintenance of Effort, grading scale, report cards, student promotion, student retention, staff evaluations, student records, family and school, communication, campus visitors.

Brief discussion was had around discipline policy and the potential to amend the policies moving forward for consistency and clarity.

Juliana to have documents and policies ready to approve for next HCS board meeting.

Transportation

Motion made by Ron for Ricky, Juliana, Ron to meet regarding cluster bus stops in surrounding areas, market the proposed plan immediately, and submit to HCS board for formal adoption at the next meeting. Nicole with the 2nd, motion approved unanimously.

Charter School Personnel Update

Juliana gave us an update to the HCS interviewing process. Juliana and Jean conducted a round of interviews over the past 2 weeks. Juliana requested money be re-allocated to the personnel budget for hires. Board reviewed budget and deemed appropriate to reallocate funds from the operations budget to the personnel budget.

Motion made by Nicole to authorize Juliana to move up to \$15,000 from the operations budget to the personnel budget, if necessary, 2nd by Joyce, unanimously approved.

Buildings and Grounds

Ricky Cannon updated the group on buildings and grounds. Ricky has worked with Hobgood Town manager Danny Ellis and they confirm that once HCS has a professional engineer to sign off on our buildings that Halifax County will be ready to provide updated paperwork.

RTO (Ready To Open) Finances

Ricky updated the group on our process to have our line of credit update approved from BB&T.

Enrollment and Recruitment

Ron to call Dave Machado regarding potentially opening two Kindergarten classes. Ron to video Juliana Harris for a promotional video for HCS. Ron to get someone to call Food Lion corporate office regarding promoting the school in their local stores. Kelly Craft to be asked to help get the business name changed with secretary of state's office and move ahead with 501c3 application.

Next Meeting

Next Meeting 5/20/2019 at 7PM at HCS Campus.

Meeting Adjourned

Motion to adjourn meeting by Ron Elkins, 2nd by Nicole, motion carried unanimously.

Approved by HCS Board 5-20-19