

## Board Minutes

Date: September 8, 2020

Location: Virtual

Board Members Present: Barbara Marchioni, Cindy Pierce, Kira Royal, Jason Smith

Guests: DOE Leaja Horne

Public Attendees: None

### **Call to Order:**

- Meeting called to order at 4:37, and Kira Royal read the mission statement aloud.

### **Minutes Approval:**

- Full Board review of the August meeting minutes.
  - Upon a motion by Kira Royal, seconded by Barbara Marchioni, and unanimously approved, it was:
    - **MOVED: To accept the August minutes.**
- Addendum 1 supplement to minutes consisting of staffing additions/changes.
  - Upon a motion made by Barbara Marchioni, seconded by Jason Smith, and unanimously approved, it was:
    - **MOVED: To accept Addendum 1 as a supplement to the August minutes.**

### **Other Business:**

\* Leaja Horne presented a summary of operations including staffing changes.

-An existing K1 employee was moved to a TA position and the K1 position was then re-offered. Two additional positions are bus drivers.

-Two weeks of academic orientation for students and families is underway. Beginning of Grade (BOG) testing for third graders is scheduled for September 8 and 9, 2020.

-There are still 13 families who need technology. The school is working with DPI to ready items to be handed out. Teachers are currently accommodation students and families.

-Barbara Marchioni asked whether there had been any pros or cons so far from families. Leaja Horne indicated there had been positive comments on model and the upbeat nature. Teachers are still getting into the groove with the model but should be expected to be a work in progress.

\*Leaja Horne and Gina Newell have been reviewing budget and have made minor changes to apply all ACCESS grant funds to technology and training as delineated in application. Items will begin to be reimbursed soon. One hundred Chromebooks will be covered by grant. The grant will cover staff training and the Get Happier Project costs.

\*General discussion and review of transportation and bus stops. So far, all is going smoothly.

\*Food prices are doing well.

\*Finance committee did not meet prior to last Board meeting.

\*Kira Royal reviewed welcome letter she had composed to be sent to school families. Barbara Marchioni suggested changing role listed for Leaja Horne and the edit was agreed upon.

#### **New Business:**

\*Leaja Horne stated that selective insurance was sent to be approved on August 18, 2020. Payment has not yet been received by Jones Insurance in Garner, NC. Leaja Horne will pay in the interim with the school credit card to prevent a lapse in coverage.

\*Cindy Pierce volunteered to begin the process of securing permanent signage for the Academy buildings.

- Cindy Pierce made a motion to adjourn. Barbara Marchioni seconded. Remaining board members approved adjournment.

**Meeting adjourned 5:13pm**

Secretary Approval: \_\_\_\_\_

