

## Minutes for Achievement Charter Academy Board Meeting

June 14, 2022

**Meeting called to order** by Ryan Denney at 4:33 pm on June 14th, 2022. Kira Royal read the mission statement. Quorum recognized for continuation of meeting.

**In attendance:** Leaja Horne, Ryan Denney, Nancy Herrick, Kira Royal, Jason Smith, Ray Strain, Becky Winchester, and guests: Patrick Bob Bedi.

**Absent:** Barbara Marchioni.

**Agenda:** Becky motioned to approve agenda as written, Kira seconded, motion was unanimously approved by roll call.

**Closed Session:** The board did not initiate a closed session.

**Public Comments:** No members of the public were present to comment.

**PE Program Report:** Patrick reported on the PE program. With the NC Access grant, he is getting more obstacles and ninja warrior equipment. Rock Solid is going to build one for each building. Also considering doing community outreach programs with them. Also held a Spartan Race on 5/20 that can be grown. There were about 40 participants.

He incorporates choice theory by allowing them to do what they choose as long as they listen to the instruction and are moving. A core group will be coaches next year.

**Media Integration Report:** Bob Bedi (Media Integrations LLC) reported on the marketing efforts since the last board meeting.

Continuing efforts to get more candidates. Focusing on building relationships with existing applicants. A sneak preview event is planned 6/25 and 7/9 for incoming kindergarteners. Also sent out a parent survey a week ago to ask how they wanted to engage with us over the summer.

Advertising is driving people to the website - over 2K people came to the website. A new year-end review video got good traction on social.

Also trying to expand Spanish-speaking reach.

### **Director of Education Report:**

**Enrollment:** There has been some movement, but are still below goal. We are continuing the marketing efforts and have reached out to parents. Two summer time activities have been scheduled for incoming kindergarteners

**COVID:** New State legislation makes masks optional/leaves parents with the choice of whether to mask their children, boards are no longer required to vote on this policy.

**Discipline:** DOE reported on the number of suspended students and MTSS team activity. Not an increase in the number of students.

**Academic achievement:** EOG scores were low. We don't know how it compares to the State yet. 2 3rd graders will be reading retained. All Mclass and iReady increased, except 3rd grade math. Leaja believes there are some testing environment issues, and will be looking at ways to practice more next year. They will be meeting with the COVID learning loss department on 7/15 to learn how to use data to develop intervention strategies. The student achievement committee should meet after that to plan how it will be addressed in the fall.

**Parent engagement:** Parent survey will be distributed 5/1.

**Finance:** There was an issue with the IRS that has been resolved and the 990 can now be filed.

**HR:** The only vacancy is for a tutor.

**Financial Committee Report:** Finance Committee has not met since the last meeting. The next meeting was scheduled for 7/11 at 4pm.

#### **Action items:**

**Employee contracts:** Jason moved, seconded by Kira, with unanimous approval (except Ray who recused himself) to approve the contracts of the returning staff list as provided in the Director's report.

Nancy moved, seconded by Kira, with unanimous approval (except Ray who recused himself) to extend contracts to the new staff list as provided in the Director's report.

**Title grant applications:** Jason moved, second by Ryan, to authorize Leaja to submit this year's Title grant applications on the schools behalf.

Board slate: Jason moved, seconded by Ryan, with unanimous approval, to approve the board slate as stated in the May board meetings.

**Last month's minutes:** Jason moved, Ryan seconded, with unanimous approval of May minutes by roll call.

#### **Board reports:**

The Personnel Committee needs to meet before the staff comes back. Ray, Ryan, Kira, Gina and Elaine to work on incorporating choice theory language. Ryan to arrange a meeting.

The Student Achievement Committee has not met before and should meet before the fall. Ray and Nancy will participate from the Board. Leaja will identify others. Likely Gina and Connor. Leaja to make the connections to get the meeting scheduled.

Ray plans to facilitate, in coordination with school staff, a field trip for 2-5th graders to the airfield to view/learn about aircraft - still a work in process.

The Board is invited to the first day of Choice Theory training on 8/2. Leaja to send a Google form to sign up. The Board also volunteered to take Juan Pablo out to dinner on 8/3. Leaja to add that to the Google form. Leaja to also add an option for additional training to the Google form.

Ray has some individuals interested in getting involved, but they have not committed. Leaja suggested asking them to get involved in a committee first. Barbara will be rolling off the Board in July, but will continue to participate in committees.

Ray to purchase a plaque for Barbara.

**Motion to adjourn:** Jason moved, Ryan seconded, motion was unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 5:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Becky Winchester