

MEETING MINUTES

June 28, 2024

Attendees:

Brenda Robertson – Chair of the Board
Steven Peters – Treasurer
Mark Fleming – Secretary
Steven Moody – board member
Natalie Wright – board member
Chris Farrell – board member
Chad Long – k12 finance
Eric Angeny – k12 finance
Katie Gomersall – Head of School
Tasha Parnell – HS Principal
Laura Zuber – NCVA administration
Joseph Cugliari – NCVA finance

Brenda opened the meeting promptly at 12:00 noon. Brenda asked for a motion to accept the minutes for May's and June's board meetings. Mark made the motion; Steve Moody seconded the motion. Brenda called for the vote: it was unanimous.

Brenda asked for a motion to approve the consent items: approval of new staff and approval of Jeff Bragg's tuition plan. Steve Moody made the motion; Natalie seconded it. Brenda called for the vote: it was unanimous.

Brenda read the mission statement.

Brenda asked Katie for the Head of School Report.

Katie highlighted the student from NCVA who is a contender to swim in the Special Olympics this summer. He was the winner of the qualifying round for the backstroke and while the announcements have not been made yet, we are all hopeful he will be selected to swim in the Special Olympics in Paris this summer.

Katie reported that we currently have 149 kindergarten students enrolled. We have a confirmed enrollment of 2633 from last year with 934 new students enrolled and we have a waitlist that we will be filling by grade level where there are openings.

Katie told the board that there will be a mass withdrawal happening: 313 students who either graduated (167) or they chose not to enroll this year. This is a very low number compared to previous years.

Katie gave an update on the new computers. They have been delivered to the office and only 6 were damaged. The laptop representative came to the office to collect the damaged ones and will make sure they are replaced.

The Stride technical support group is preparing the computers for the teachers: doing the inventory of them and making sure they are ready to send out to teachers if they are not receiving them at the professional development meeting in August. Chris suggested a distribution party for everyone – Katie said most will be given out at the professional development meeting and will have technical support available to help them with any questions. She said everyone is very excited about getting the new computers.

Katie reported that the in-house test scores are above or at the state average, so we are “flirting with the C”. The state grades will be announced this fall – September/October.

Katie did a quick look at the data from last year and compared to this year looking at the students who had been with us for more than one year and those who were new to us. Those who have been with us for at least one year were more academically successful than those who were new to the school. This is a good indicator that we are giving student the support and instruction they need to continue succeeding in future grades.

Brenda thanked Katie for the update. She continued on to say graduation this year was very good and very well done. She said the speaker, Representative Willis, was excellent.

Brenda asked Sara for the Executive Director’s report. Sara said there was only one item on the list for consideration. She explained that the state is still working through how NCVA will proceed forward with a charter renewal while also becoming a remote charter academy. Because of this, we are taking precautions to have a letter of intent to renew prepared and voted on just in case they require it in July which is the usual time when these letters must be submitted with the required fee. Sara read the letter to the board which is very short and direct.

Brenda thanked her for the update and moved on to the items to be voted on by the board. She asked for a motion to approve the letter of intent explained by Sara. Mark made the motion and Steve Moody seconded it. Brenda call the vote: it was unanimous.

Brenda then asked for a motion to approve the Parent/Student Handbook updates as well as the Employee Handbook updates. Steve Moody made the motion; Chris seconded it. Brenda called the vote: it was unanimous.

Brenda reminded everyone of the NC Charter School Association convention in Charlotte in July. There is still time to sign up for it and she encouraged board members to do so.

Brenda asked for a motion to adjourn. Mark made the motion; Natalie seconded it. Brenda called for the vote: it was unanimous.

The meeting ended at 12:35pm.