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HCA Board Meeting Minutes- 7.29.2020, HCA Commons

Kevin Murray, Present
Jenny French, Present
Michelle Bulmer, Present

Rosalyn Bowman, Absent
Jennifer Abraham, Present
Jennifer Heverly, Present

Robert Fazekas, Present
Yolanda Dortch, Present
Brittney Jackson, Called In

Meeting called to order - 6:02 PM (K. Murray)

- Dr. Ann Marie Taylor (Invocation)
- Mrs. French (Mission Statement): "Our mission is to create a challenging learning environment with high academic and social expectations through developmentally appropriate, flexible, and innovative instruction that allows each student to realize and confidently possess their full potential."

Approve Minutes:

- June 23, 2020 Meeting Minutes- Bulmer Motioned, French 2nd, All Approved
- July 13, 2020 Meeting Minutes- Bulmer Motioned, French 2nd, All Approved

Committee Reports:

- Growth Committee- Fazekas handed over the floor to Dr. Taylor who reported that the 9th grade building is almost ready for inspection, which will happen the first week of August.
- Non-Profit Committee- Bulmer reported that she has been working with a private donor who would like to contribute to the school by way of Chromebooks. More information will be shared as the deal is solidified.

Treasurer's Report:

- Fiscal Updates- Dr. Taylor stated that most things are all on budget except the facilities line item due to overages with the expansion. We went about \$160K over budget, but were able to take this from savings so it is not a deficit. We are still waiting for our bond to come through.

Executive Director's Report:

- Athletics & Athletics Booster Club- 2nd Reading- No changes were made to the originally-presented document. No discussion had concerning the document. Murray requested it be sent to our lawyers for approval prior to our next board meeting so it can be voted on for approval.
- Handbook Amendments- 2nd Reading- The only amendments to the previous year's student handbook concerns the dress code (addition of black shirts, jackets not having to be school colors, and high school dress code) and the addition of the covid19 information (as required by the state of SC.) This will be voted on for approval at the next meeting.
- High School Update- the 5yr plan has changed due to the school not being able to obtain the land next to our property. So the blueprints have been altered to fit everything into our current plat.
- High School Coursework Approval-
 - Bulmer motioned to approve Agriculture course 56990000, Jackson 2nd. All approved.
 - Bulmer motioned to approve Criminology course 65990000, French 2nd. All approved.
 - Bulmer motioned to approve Small Engine Repair course 61990000, Heverly 2nd. All approved.
 - Bulmer motioned to approve Peer Mediation course 37996000, French 2nd. All approved.
 - Bulmer motioned to approve First Tech course 60990100, Dortch 2nd. All approved.
 - Bulmer motioned to approve Enrichment course 27992100, Fazekas 2nd. All approved.
- Enrollment Update- currently have approximately 800 students enrolled. There are 11 spots for 9th grade open.



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- Blended Learning Update- 25% of the student body is enrolled in Blended learning for the school year. In-classroom students will also have access to virtual courses as well as needed.
- Covid Discussion- Dr. Taylor presented to the board the results of a staff survey asking which plan they feel would best suit their needs as well as the needs of the students and families. Most staff preferred a start date of August 17, with 5 day per week instruction.
 - Dr. Taylor presented a waiver packet produced by Erksine's legal and administrative team. These waivers will need to be signed by all families/persons who will be participating in in-person learning/activities/etc inside the HCA school building. Bulmer motioned to approve the waiver packet, Jackson 2nd. All board members present, except Dortch, voted to approve the waivers. Dortch voted no.
 - Bulmer motioned to approve Back to School plan option #2 (original plan with delayed start date of August 17th, masks highly encouraged.) Jackson 2nd. Discussion ensued concerning usage of masks as mandated by the governor of SC. The board resoundingly felt an all-day mask mandate would be an unreasonable burden to both students and teachers as well as a distraction to the learning process. The severity of the virus was also discussed in that we shouldn't dismiss the usage of masks altogether. Mr. Murray allowed present teachers to take the floor to inform the board of their opinions on mask usage in the classroom. The opinion was split by those who spoke- with several feeling very strongly that masks were not necessary in the classroom, and others feeling masks worn in the classroom would make them feel more comfortable in returning home to their extended families at the end of the day. French motioned to table the current motion, Heverly 2nd. All approved.
 - Fazekas motioned to move the start day to August 17th, 2020. Bulmer 2nd. All except Dortch approved. Motion passed.
 - Fazekas motioned to require masks in all commons areas where social distancing is not possible, and highly encouraging masks in the classroom. Bulmer 2nd. All except Dortch approved.
 - The amended school calendar with the new start date of August 17th (making up the missed days with moving teacher work days to the week of August 10th and adding on a few days to the end of the school year) was presented. French motioned to approve. Bulmer 2nd. All except Dortch approved.

Executive Session: Contractual- French motioned to go into executive session at 7:41pm. Dortch 2nd. All approved. French motioned to come out of executive session at 8:15pm. Dortch 2nd. All approved.

Open Session: French motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm, Abraham 2nd. All Approved. Meeting Adjourned.