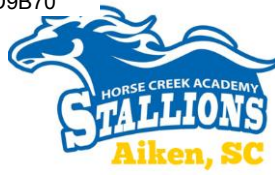


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HCA Board Meeting – 08.24.21 Horse Creek Academy Commons 6pm

Kevin Murray, Chair -Present	Jennifer Heverly, Treasurer- Absent	Dustin Ennis, Member- Present
Michele Bulmer, Vice Chair- Present	Susan Groseclose, Member- Call in	Julie Jordan- Member- Absent
Ashley Pitts, Secretary- Present		Pete Frommer, Member-Present
		Brittney Jackson, Member- Call in

Meeting called to order - 6:00 PM (K. Murray).-Called to order at 0602

- Dr. Ann Marie Taylor (Invocation)
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Ashley Pitts (Mission Statement): “Our mission is to create an innovative and challenging learning environment that teaches the whole learner through the pillars of connection, flexibility, and service”.

Chair’s Report: none

Vice Chair’s Report:

- Board Election- Voting Procedures-Do voting through electronic forms via Google Forms. This eliminates having to staff the table all day. Verify with attorney that it is allowed. Get Mrs. Perkins to add 7th and 8th grade to carline numbers. Will need Powerschool numbers for 9th and 10th graders. Michelle made a motion to approve electronic voting pending attorney approval. Kevin seconded. Motion carried.
- Charter Rewrite- Committee Proposal- Rewrite needs to be done. Charter needs to be rewritten to include the high school. Majority of committee would be teachers and Dr. Taylor’s team. Susan is willing to be the head of rewrite committee. Michelle made a motion to accept Susan as the head of the rewrite committee. Dennis seconded. Motion carried.
- Board Handbook- First Reading- Still in the works. Not ready for first reading at this time.
- Kids First Conference- 9/28-9/29 for charter schools. We have been invited to this event. Kevin, Ashley, Susan, Dennis and Michelle going 9/28 and Leadership will go 9/29. Michelle to register members for event.
- COVID Guidance- VOTING ITEM- Dr. Taylor presented document to board and is asking for approval. Kevin made a motion to pass COVID guidelines, Dennis seconded. Open for discussion- Michelle asked about doing a 10 school day quarantine.Dr. Taylor expressed that she feels more comfortable with a 10 school day quarantine vs a negative test. Moving forward it would be 10 school day quarantine. Masks are highly recommended but not mandated. Pete asked about messaging to the parents about highly recommending masks. Michelle asked about student absences- how are they being handled? COVID absences are COVID coded and it does not count against them. However, COVID days are not helping with teacher days. About 50% of our staff are vaccinated- Michelle asked about mandating vaccinations for staff. Dr. Taylor said that she doesn’t have enough data to present for vaccination mandate. Kevin made a motion to pass current COVID guidelines, motion did not carry. Michelle made a motion to amend COVID guidelines to include the 10 school day quarantine, Dennis seconded. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

- Non-Profit Committee Report
- Growth Committee Report

Secretary’s Report:

- Approval of last meeting minutes- Ashley made a motion to approve July and 8/18/21 meeting minutes. Michelle seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report:



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Executive Director's Report:

- Monthly Financials- Dr. Taylor shared all documents in One Drive for board to review. Dr. Taylor made a decision to amend budget to budget for 1075 students instead of 1100. Reason for doing this is to keep us in a less risk area for us during COVID.
- Enrollment Updates- 10 spots in 9th grade and 14 spots in 10th grade
- ESSR Funds Updates- We have received 3 new funding packets. One for AA learning loss, GEAR money- \$300,000- updated all our remaining google accounts, devices and Ion air filters for the AC.- ESSR 1 and 2 have been approved, waiting on approval for ESSR 3 to be approved. Asking the board to review document in One Drive. Spent upwards of \$800,000 and waiting on approval for \$46,000.
- COVID Updates- As of today we have 81 positive cases- Staffing wise: As of 8/30- we will have 14 teachers absent. Dr. Taylor said that this is not an ideal situation but it can be done. Of the 14 that can't return- 10 of them need subs- 4 of them have a sub. 37 COVID positive days used, 86 days, 24 days for absences of teachers. 2 things need to be voted on next meeting- 1: Proviso (in One Drive); If teachers are teaching dual modality- school must provide a stipend- Dr. Taylor needs to look at what we can fiscally afford. 2: what is fair as far as stipends and wages. Michelle asked about having teachers return with no symptoms and negative test. Dr. Taylor said they are already on an 8 day quarantine. She would like to gather more information and have us vote at the next board meeting. Kevin expressed that we are in this as a whole, we are a village and we are very appreciative of all that the staff are doing. Dr. Taylor did mention to the staff that "if you are not vaccinated to be sure to socially distance". Put a statement out from the board- Send to Dr. Taylor and Kevin first- then board for approval- then send to the staff.
- Building Updates- Steve came to update board- Building A is to be completed on 10/8- biggest challenge is the site contractor. Most of the underground infrastructure is in place. Schedule changes almost daily. Kevin asked about why this is being pushed back- Made great progress inside, AC, sheet rock in place, fire protection system approved. Paveway- we can't get OSF approval without him. A lot of excuses is weather. He does all the groundwork. Contractual they can't keep pushing the date back. Steve said that the general contractor said that he is bonded. Dr. Taylor said that she couldn't have been firmer with Paveway. Paveway only has 3-4 guys on site doing something that needs to be done. Steve encourages calling a board meeting with contractor and Paveway. Board meeting 8/31/21 @ 6 - Steve can call in. Steve L, Steve H and Paveway specifically on building.

Questions/Comments from Board Members: none

Executive Session: Contractual- Kevin made a motion to go to executive session at 0724. Kevin motioned to end executive session at 817. Michelle seconded.

Michelle motioned to end meeting at 0817. Dennis seconded. Meeting adjourned at 0817.

Open Session: Scott Voigt: Spoke regarding how COVID quarantines are affecting children. Expressed that he doesn't understand how the quarantine works. Thanked the board for letting him speak. Has been involved with the school since 2014. Scott started the litigation process for the plumbing issues on the school. Bigger concern with how we are moving forward with the school. Concerned with vision of school. Looking ahead- Carline? 1126 children in present school. Our carline is not put together well enough for our size. Our carline has been approved by SCDOT. Michelle interjected and said that Dr. Taylor has the blueprints and offered that to let him review them. Susan Groseclose spoke concerning the new silent Dismissal new app and how it is going to be utilized better. Spoke on staggered start and end times. Dr. Taylor said that we had to give that data to SCDOT. Scott expressed concern about the carline and possibility of purchasing property behind school toward Hwy 78 to give us another exit. Kevin interrupted and said that he could submit his plan.