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HCA Board Meeting – 03.25.2024- HCA Commons-6pm

Jared Chambliss, Chair- **Present**
Caryn Butler, Vice Chair- **Present**
Ashley Pitts, Secretary-**Present**
Dana Cook, Treasurer-**Present**

Audrey Decker, Member-**Present**
Matthew Shackleton, Member-**Present**
Samuel Grimes, Member-**Present**
Justin Goodwin, Member-**Absent**
Ashley McCormick, Member-**Present**

Meeting called to order – Jared called to order at 0602p.

- Dr. Ann Marie Taylor (Invocation)
- Pledge of Allegiance (J. Chambiss)
- 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”.

HCA Celebrations:

Dr. Taylor briefly shared how she challenged her staff to go on the HCA staff FB page and share something that brings them joy! She was overwhelmed by the out pouring of love and joy that the staff shared.

Executive Director’s Report:

- Calendar Amendment (e-learning days) - **Voting item**- Reviewed calendar at last meeting. Due to the item not being a “voting item” on the previous agenda, the removal of the e-learning days from the calendar needs to be voted on. Sarah Morris elaborated. Jared made a motion to accept calendar as presented, Ashley M. seconded, opened for discussion, motion carried.
- Back Playground Renovation Project- Sarah Morris presented the plan for the back playground. Approximate cost for new back playground is \$138,000. Playground is ADA approved, Playground Parks and Play would be the company of choice. Per Sarah school has raised approximately \$30,000 towards the cost of the playground. Dana asked about the cost of moving the current playground. Per Sarah she doesn’t have the exact cost, guesstimate would be \$10-15,000. Sam asked about not moving the current one and placing new one at other location- Sarah stated that she thought about that, however the logistics are better with the plan laid out.
- Teacher Pay Scale Update by SC State Department – **Voting item**- Jared made a motion to table this item to next meeting if needed, Caryn seconded, motion carried.
- SRP Affinity Debit Card Update- Sarah Morris presented that we have raised just this year approximately \$11,000. To date HCA has raised approximately \$17,000.
- HCA Graduation Policy Update – **Voting item**- Dr. Taylor presented that we needed to make 2 adjustments to our early graduation policy. Lauren, the HS guidance counselor, presented that our current policy has some conflicting statements. Two groups of students: Graduating Early- a student that is in HS for 3 years with a spring cohort. Early Graduate- Senior that are graduating in December. Discussions had concerning the Early Graduate ceremonies. Jared made a motion to accept the Graduating Early and Early Graduates policy as presented, Ashley M. seconded, Opened for discussion- Sam asked a question about graduation rate, motion passed.
- Local Board-Approved Classes - **Voting items**-Dr. Taylor presented each LBA. Lauren spoke to the



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CATE state program and the HCA internship program. Dana and Sam asked questions the HCA Internship.

- HCA Internship- Jared made a motion to approve the LBA HCA Internship, Caryn seconded, opened for discussion, motion carried.
- Film and TV 3- Jared made a motion to approve the LBA Film and TV 3, Caryn seconded, opened for discussion, motion carried.
- Film and TV 4- Jared made a motion to approve the LBA Film and TV 4, Caryn seconded, opened for discussion, motion carried.
- Service Learning 1- Jared made a motion to approve the LBA Service Learning 1, Caryn seconded, opened for discussion, motion carried.
- Service Learning 2- No vote needed due to LBA being previously approved.
- Service Learning 3- Jared made a motion to approve the LBA Service Learning 3, Caryn seconded, opened for discussion, motion carried.
- Service Learning 4- Jared made a motion to approve the LBA Service Learning 4, Caryn seconded, opened for discussion, motion carried.
- Gifted and Talented 4th and 5th grade Presentation and Plan- Dr. Taylor presented the GT 4th and 5th grade classes. Montessori has not been as popular as anticipated. Mrs. Litner and Mrs. Bryant presented the GT 4th and 5th grade class. The vision is to transition from a Montessori/Hybrid class to a GT 4th and 5th class. Both teachers presented the plan that they have developed to bring the class to HCA. Further discussion had on the GT program.

Chair's Report:

Vice Chair's Report:

Secretary's Report:

- Approval of last month's meeting minutes-**voting item**- Motion tabled to next month due to meeting minutes not being prepared.

Treasurer's Report:

- Monthly Fiscal Updates- Dana presented that all is going well financially, we did have a heavy expense month in February but all is doing well. Dr. Taylor spoke to how Ashley Sturkie has projected that we should end the year at 60 days of cash on hand.
- Items over \$7,500- **voting item**

Questions/Comments from Board Members:

Public Comments:

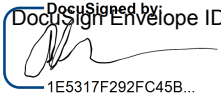
Executive Session: - Jared made a motion to enter into executive session at 0656p, Dana seconded, motion carried.

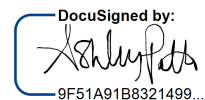
Executive session started at 0656p.

- Discipline Hearing

Jared made a motion to end executive session, Caryn seconded, motion carried. Executive session ended at 0758p.

Public session began at 0759p


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Jared made a motion to expel student A, Caryn seconded, motion carried by majority vote, Dana, Ashley and Jared voted no.

Jared made a motion to end public session, Caryn seconded, motion carried.

Public session ended at 0805p