



**Anderson Creek Academy  
Board of Directors' Meeting  
Minutes  
December 16 2020**



The chairman called the meeting to order at 7:01pm at Anderson Creek Academy virtually due to COVID 19. He welcomed board members, staff and guests. A quorum was present.

**Board Members Present:**

Ken Adelberg  
Dr. Kerry Agnello  
Andy Barr  
Lisa Clifford  
Dr. Mary Majors  
Wes Martin  
Grace Merkle  
Steve Shotz  
Ann Stein  
John Werderman

**Guests:** Mr. Council, Mrs. Sheeley, Ms. Danielo, Ms. Cope, Ms. Laughlin, Ms. Matthews, Ms. Rossignol, Ms. Johnson, Mrs. Weymouth, Mrs. Legg, Mr. Haggard, Mrs. Werderman, Ms. Jen Molly, and others.

Mr. Adelberg moved, Dr. Agnello seconded, to approve the previous month's minutes. **Motion passed unanimously.** The board discussed the annual training session, planned for January or February and moving the monthly Board of Director's meeting to the third week of the month. All concurred. Training and strategy session will be January 13, 2021 with board meeting on January 20th, 2021.

**Committee Reports**

**Academic** Mr. Council thanked the Academic Committee for the good data and there are plans to increase scores by the end of the year. He thanked Ms. Laughlin, Ms. Johnson and Ms. Wellford for the professional development classes this week. The training will prove to be beneficial in the classrooms. ACA has provided a lot of parent resources. ACA conducted a survey for second semester classes. There will be a significant decrease for fully remote scholars (25% decrease from 57 to 43) He acknowledged the work of Ms. Finney and Ms. Harrison. An anonymous donor adopted 3 ACA families who received gifts and gift cards each in excess of \$300. He thanked the donor for the wonderful gesture. Ms. Harrison begins in January and will set up her classroom over the holidays and will meet families. As a result of a reduction in the number of remote students, there will be a better balance between cohorts. Mr. Council recommends extending the school day. Mr. Werderman led a discussion of bringing EC or scholars needing reinforcement in for more days; Mr. Council asked for clarification on thresholds. Mr. Council confirmed that ACA has been the most consistent school on schedule. Dr. Agnello confirmed that she is not seeing any other schools returning to full time. Mr. Barr says Wake County plans full time in January. Mr. Council stated that going full for a week is an option, but wants to err on the side of safety. Virtual classes can also be used during snow days.

Enrollment for 2021-2022 opens January 15 and the team recommends it remain open for 6 weeks. Mr. Council confirmed posting of this information in the Dunn Daily Record. Mr. Council reported that the EOG grade impact is only for high school students. He recognized Mrs. Clifford in her

efforts to find a webmaster.

**Medical** Dr. Agnello reported that Harnett County is considered a red county for COVID. Currently there are 3 students quarantined and none isolated. She reported that ACA is doing things well. Teachers and families have adapted and have stability. Teachers and staff are doing their part. She is looking forward to a vaccine and potential decrease in cases. As part of a pilot program, USDHHS and a Department of Defense initiative, 105 million COVID 19 antigen tests are available. ACA decided to apply for the tests and Mrs. Sheeley completed an application and policy with CLEA waiver. Testing is available on location with a 15 minute results. Mr. Council said he sings the praises of Mrs. Sheeley. Mr. Council is to send documents regarding COVID tracking. Dr. Agnello says that if teachers are willing to vaccinate, they will be able to get vaccinated. She encourages vaccinations.

**Uniform** Mrs. Stein reported that uniform donations continue; lending closet is available to all. She thanked the volunteers for collecting, washing, folding and stocking the closet. Staff is disseminating cold weather items from the lending closet as needed.

**Public Relations** Mrs. Clifford reported that the website will reflect the lottery begins on January 15<sup>th</sup> and has prepared media releases. She has talked to a company about the website and will continue to work on the website in the new year.

**Building** In regard to the facility addition, Mr. Barr stated: the architect is nearly complete with plans, an engineer is identified, and the property line review is completed. The Development Review Board Items are being addressed. He has an electrician and mason lined up to do repair work to the exit column. He will meet with the landscape company in regard to an evaluation and the work that is needed. Mr. Barr thanked Mr. Wheeler, Mr. Adelberg, Mr. Stein and Mr. Council for their review.

**Financial Report** Mr. Werderman reported that the bank is taking longer than expected and that the draft audit has found no concerns. The auditor will send the product to the NC DPI audit committee. The Form 990, which is due November 15 has received a two month extension.

**Head of School Report** Mr. Council presented during Academic Committee.

**New Business** Mr. Werderman stated that ACA is looking at extending the day for additional schooling when the second semester starts on January 19<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Council appreciates the continued support. Mr. Council reported that a parent has called to express their appreciation for the stability. Dr. Agnello says the COVID vaccine is under an emergency use vaccine and cannot be mandatory.

**Old Business** Board training will be January 13 at 6pm. The public is invited.

**Public Comment** There were no requests for public comment. Mr. Werderman opened the floor and asked if Ms. Laughlin for comments (she had none). Mrs. Clifford said that the pavement is crumbling due to traffic and recommended crushed gravel. Mr. Council and Mr. Barr have reviewed areas that need repair or improvement and will prioritize. Dr. Majors stated the Academic Committee met and took their notes to Mr. Council.

**Closed Session** No closed session.

**Adjournment** Mrs. Clifford moved, Mr. Barr seconded, to adjourn. **Motion passed unanimously.** Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm.

**Next Board Meeting January 20, 2021**