



Anderson Creek Academy
Board of Directors' Meeting
August 18, 2021
Minutes



The chairman called the meeting to order at 7:03pm at Anderson Creek Academy and virtually. He welcomed board members, staff and guests. A quorum was present.

Board Members Present

Ken Adelberg, Dr. Kerry Agnello, Andy Barr, Lisa Hamilton, Dr. Mary Majors, Wes Martin, Grace Merkle, Erica Morgan, Ann Stein, John Werderman

Guests: Ms. Laughlin, Mrs. Sheeley, Ms. Weymouth, Ms. Lyon, Mr. Wheeler, Ms. Samerigo, Ms. Matthews, Ms. Cadet, Ms. Elliott, Mrs. Camille Johnson, Mrs. Werderman, et al. (36 total)

The chairman called the meeting to order at 7:03pm in the ACA STEAM+ room and virtually. A quorum was present.

Dr. Agnello moved, Mr. Martin seconded, to approve the previous minutes. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Committee Reports:

Academic: Dr. Majors reported employees are in place and ready to start with no open positions. ACA hosts Meet the Teacher Night tomorrow. Staff arrived on August 11. ACA teammembers had a successful back to school social and good volunteerism during the summer months. ACA has lots of good things are planned for the students. Mrs. Stein confirmed that the COVID mitigation procedures are still in place.

Medical: Dr. Agnello reported that COVID cases in the state continue to rise. They are rising in the sharpest rate we have seen since the beginning of the pandemic. We have had the highest rate of infections in children that we have had since the beginning of the pandemic. The governor did speak today and discussed strategies to mitigate the virus, including vaccines. If you have questions, she is happy to answer any questions about the vaccines. Dr. Agnello completed all the required medical training for ACA employees. ACA is offering paid time off for vaccinations. Dr. Agnello discussed ACA COVID protocols. She gave her medical background and outlined her extensive experience as well as COVID background for NC. She also defined multiple medical research studies, as well as legal briefings she has attended. ACA is subject to OSHA. The NC guidelines for masking, social distancing and frequent hand washing continues, with vaccines being the best prevention. The Strong Schools NC Toolkit includes both medical and social considerations. NC frequently reviews and updates the comprehensive toolkit and ACA will post it on the website. Mrs. Stein moved, Mr. Martin seconded, to implement the Strong Schools NC guidance. **Motion passed unanimously.** Mrs. Stein moved, Mrs. Hamilton seconded, for ACA students, employees and visitors to wear masks indoor, reviewed by the board monthly. Ms. Morgan recommended the mask description include that the masks be cloth or medical, cover nose and chin, and could be clear in the middle. Dr. Agnello will continue to review the guidance monthly. Dr. Majors researched extensively--the masks are about keeping children in school. Motion passed unanimously.

Uniform: Mrs. Stein thanked all volunteers for the donations, washing and sorting of uniforms. Over 400 uniform items were set out in early August and are available during Meet the Teacher Night.

Public Relations Ms. Morgan stated Meet the Teacher Night is tomorrow, separated by grade.

Human Resources Ms. Merkle had nothing to report.

Building Mr. Barr stated that the drainage mitigation should be complete by Friday. ACA has hired a full time Assistant Custodian to complete landscaping duties and provide backup for Mr. Hopper.

Finance Mr. Werderman stated that there was no funding from NC during the month of July; ACA pulled \$200k from savings for July. Mrs. Hamilton moved, Mr. Barr seconded, to approve the July financials. Mr. Werderman said that ACA is fully staffed and welcomed Camille Johnson and Sylvia Hammond. Mrs. Hamilton moved, Mr. Martin seconded, to approve the employee agreements. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Head of School Report Dr. Majors sent the report separately and there are no questions. ACA continues to make changes to the enrollment with over 200 on the waitlist. Dr. Majors gave kudos to the leadership staff and boardmembers who did a great preparation.

Old Business

New Director Mr. Adelberg stated he has distributed resumes for potential new directors and will provide an update next month.

New Business

None

Public Comment Period

Parents shared concerns about the mask wearing decision reached without parental input, and the combined 5th Grade classroom consolidation. Mr. Werderman and Dr. Majors thanked the parents for their comments.

Adjournment Dr. Agnello moved, Mrs. Hamilton seconded, to adjourn. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:38pm.

Next Board of Directors' Meeting September 15, 2021