

Board Meeting – January 26, 2021

Attendance:

1. William Brown
2. Charles Brewer
3. Joe Sullivan
4. Steve Lanzl
5. Cary Hall
6. Helen Irby -Unable to attend
7. David Mitchell
8. Glenn Head -Unable to attend
9. Adela Mendoza
10. Carl Stecker -Unable to attend
11. Llyn Strong
12. Mark Crocker

Administration:

1. Kyle Kovach
2. Idasa Cobb
3. LaCheryl Smith
4. Virginia Burrows
5. Elliot Smalley
6. Gretchen Taylor
7. Charles Ratterree

Call to Order: 2:33pm

Minutes Approval: Steve Lanzl made a motion the minutes from the November 17, 2020 meeting be approved. Llyn Strong seconded.

Finance Committee Report: Gretchen Taylor

- Audit completed -Gretchen shared Financial Statements as of June 30, 2020
- Review of Balance Sheet and Income Statement as of November 30, 2020
- Review of Balance Sheet and Income Statement as of December 31, 2020
- Title I Plan finally approved to begin the claim process
- Current Scholar Count is 1574 -a little below our budgeted account of 1580

Principal and Director Reports:

Kyle Kovach – Elementary School

- Principal Kovach shared 174 5k and 1st grade scholars returned for in-person instruction last week

- Recalibrated count for virtual and in-person for the second semester
- Thursday, January 28 -15 4k scholars officially joining for the first time on campus!
- Continued focus on stringent safety protocols on campus -all zoom meetings only, “bubble classrooms”, only essential staff currently on campus
- Support for our scholars and staff -First Responder Mental Health Training this week
- 235 2nd-4th grade scholars joining back on campus for in-person instruction next week
- Benchmark Testing next week -will use data to analyze current progress halfway through the year and make plans moving forward as needed

Idasa Cobb – Middle School

- Principal Cobb thanked Board members for all they do -Board Appreciation Month
- ALPHA Program -information sessions held last week and now have mentors for all scholars -preparing the scholars to be ready for the dual enrollment program
- Scholar, Alvin Martin, involved with the ALPHA Team, has pushed through hardships and earned his HS credit for Spanish!
- Virtual Setting Success -currently hired a new candidate to teach in the virtual setting in the extended day program in the evenings -allows him to continue to take his courses to graduate while beginning to work with our scholars before he starts full time next school year
- PSAT currently on campus
- ACCESS Testing currently on campus
- Academic Celebration -February 15th
- Interim Assessments coming next week -data collected will be used to drive instruction
- Fitness Fun Night -February 5th
- Black History Program -February 26th
- Inspired by poet, Amanda Gorman -we are analyzing how to identify some of our Legacy scholars with the gift of writing

LaCheryl Smith - High School

- Principal Smith shared some celebrations
- 4 Alumni -class of 2017 -graduated in December, a semester early
- Jamiya Scott, a scholar at Claflin University, to complete some internships with Legacy this semester
- Madison Peterson, current senior, in the running for 3 major scholarships -Coca Cola, Jack Kent Cook, and the North Carolina A&T full ride scholarship -applied to Harvard and Cornell as well -has gone from a 19 ACT to a 29 ACT!
- February 26th -Announcing top 10, valedictorian and salutatorian, dual enrollment, junior marshall, and scholarships earned
- PSAT Today -Juniors
- ACT Boot Camp starts this coming Friday
- ACT Test -February 23rd
- WIN and WIDA ACCESS Testing in March
- Dual Enrollment Scholars -increased from 85 to 115 -adding Southern Wesleyan as a partner in our program
- Benchmarks planned for the second week of February

Elliot Smalley -Consultant for Legacy Early College

- Planning for school reopening for second semester
 - Looking at serving as many scholars as possible safely on campus -based on parent preference and safety protocols
 - Three main goals second semester:
 - Safety and well-being of our scholars and staff

- Excellence in scholar achievement -Our scholars are learning at the highest levels. Every scholar is on track to go to and through college.
 - Operational excellence and continuity -We open and operate at a high level, offering an engaging, rigorous, joyful in-person program. We minimize disruption on scholars, families and staff and keep excellent instruction at the center of our work.
- All three schools will offer full in-person instruction by March 15, weeks ahead of Q4
 - Full grade levels of scholars will be gradually brought back on two-week timetables:
 - Full elementary February 1
 - 5-6 on February 15
 - 7, 11-12 on March 1
 - 8, 9-10 on March 15
- As long as the COVID rate remains “High,” schools will follow newly tightened COVID protocols
 - Minimize face-to-face exposure/traffic (all meetings and interventions on Zoom, only essential staff in the building, only one adult per room/classroom)
 - Mask wearing and social distancing for staff and scholars with no exceptions
 - Shift classrooms to temporary virtual in the event of COVID cases

Chairman’s Report – William Brown

- Planning for 120 4k scholars joining us in August 2021
 - Complimented Mr. Ratterree in working with the contractors to get the building ready by May 2021
 - Building costs approximately 3.2 million dollars
- Starting a capital campaign -to support the 4k building, Berea Campus, World Class Fine Arts Center in our auditorium, and scholar scholarships
 - more details to come
- Want to add a new board member -Charles Claxton -father of 2 former Legacy graduates
 - background check already completed
 - Cary Hall motions to increase Board of Directors from 12 to 13 and add Charles Claxton, Charles Brewer seconded
 - will move forward with Charles Claxton joining the Legacy Board of Directors
- Mr. Brown shared some current college grade point averages of Legacy graduates
 - 2 alumni with a 4.0 GPA
 - 18 alumni with higher than a 3.5 GPA
 - 19 alumni with a 3.0-3.4 GPA
 - 11 alumni with a 2.5-2.9 GPA
 - reminder -evidence that our scholars can compete with anybody anywhere

Public Comment – None

Old Business – None

Adjourned – 3:12pm

Respectfully submitted by Virginia Burrows

The Mission of Legacy Early College School is to offer a quality, rigorous, and relevant educational program leading to college graduation and empowering underserved urban students to become productive, healthy, principled citizens in a changing society.