

Board Meeting – May 25, 2021

Attendance:

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

Administration:

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

Call to Order: 12:17pm

Minutes Approval: Mr. Lanzl motioned to approve the April Board Minutes. Mr. Sullivan seconded.

Finance Committee Report: Gretchen Taylor

- Review of Balance Sheet and Income Statement as of April 30, 2021
- Current Scholar Count is 1,535
- Gretchen shared the need for more buses to replace some of our old fleet. She requested the Board to approve 4 buses to come out of general funds.
 - A Greenville Women Giving Grant will help with transportation costs as well as ESSER funds.
- Mr. Sullivan motioned to approve the purchase of 4 additional busses with an approximate cost of \$240,000. Mr. Brewer seconded.

Principal and Director Reports:

Kyle Kovach – Elementary School

- Principal Kovach shared school updates:
 - Wrapping up this school year
 - Proud to celebrate the fact that we did it! Keeping high quality instruction at the forefront of everything that was done this year.
 - Planning for upcoming celebrations of excellence, graduations, and family reunion cookout for the staff.
 - Looking at where we currently stand
 - MAP testing -comparing with national norms and looking at historical data
 - Setting growth goals for each scholar for this time next year
 - Putting appropriate plans in place for individual scholar needs
 - Innovation
 - They learned that tech does not replace teachers
 - Excited that they are retaining a good number of teachers for the next school year -and will continue to invest in our teaching staff
 - They learned that tech tools can be used effectively for many avenues of engagement
 - Leveraging what we learned for family engagement activities and meetings for parents
 - Plans for next year
 - Planning for multiple opportunities for differentiated instruction
 - Expanding the Co-Teacher Model
 - However, there is a struggle with finding teachers, especially with the pandemic year and teachers leaving the profession.
 - Integrating a single teacher model as well next year
 - lower scholar to teacher ratio
 - identified scholars needing more individual support
 - utilizing the Teaching Fellows

Idasa Cobb – Middle School

- Principal Cobb shared school updates:
 - Upcoming Events
 - Completing make-up testing for SCREADY and SCPASS
 - currently onboarding all scholars on campus for state testing that have been virtual scholars
 - Step Up Day -June 3rd
 - Field Day -June 4th
 - 8th Grade Graduation -June 10th at 5:00pm
 - Learned this year
 - The scholars on campus have had the most growth. In-person learning is definitely what our scholars need. Our greatest gift is our personal interactions with our scholars.
 - Our data indicates that our greatest growth this year was our Multilingual and Exceptional Learners. Those are the scholars who spent the most time in-person this year.

- The strength of Co-Teacher Model
- Planning for next year
 - Due to the increased enrollment of Multilingual scholars, we have added another Multilingual teacher to our staff, giving us a total of 4 Multilingual teachers to serve the projected 187 Multilingual scholars who will be with us next year.
 - Adding a Spanish Teacher to provide more related arts options for our scholars in addition to more opportunities to earn high school credits by offering Internet and Web Design and Business Applications.

LaCheryl Smith - High School

- Principal Smith shared school updates:
 - Happening this Month
 - EOC Testing -same as middle -virtual scholars coming in to take the test
 - Thursday, May 27th at 6:15pm -Fine Arts Creative Production -didn't get the chance to have one last year
 - End of Year Event -for the teachers -June 4th
 - Graduation -June 11th at 9:00am on the field
 - What Learned this Year
 - Typically they see parental involvement drop off at the high school level -but this virtual year was different
 - Had more parent participation in IGP meetings this year
 - More than previous years because virtual meetings were easier for our parents
 - Made many home visits when didn't hear from scholars
 - Staff always walked away with a heavy heart
 - Staff were inspired to ask "what else can we do?"
 - Change in mindset for staff to address individual scholar needs
 - Planning for Next Year
 - Advisory changes
 - Moving to end of the day next year
 - Will allow for more opportunities for college prep, financial aid work
 - Advisory will also be a credit bearing class
 - Currently putting a curriculum together for what advisory will look like
 - Currently building capacity on other staff for next year
 - Will identify potential developing leaders in the building to have duties which will allow the instructional leaders to be in the classrooms everyday with laser-focused on instruction
 - Summer Planning
 - ACT test site - July 17th
 - Will also provide breakfast and transportation -taking away the barriers our scholars may have with ACT testing by having it here at Legacy
 - Continue building our relationship with Furman University
 - This was the first year to have Furman offer 5 Legacy scholars full rides this coming school year!
 - Continue building our relationship with Southern Wesleyan University
 - Will allow us to address the teacher shortage

- Our partnership with their student teacher program will allow us to hire student teachers as paid teachers as they student teach.

Mr. Brown -Board Chair

- Mr. Brown shared updates:
 - The new 4k Center is opening in August with 120 4 year olds
 - The new St Francis Health Clinic now open
 - Staffed 8:00am-5:00pm Mondays-Fridays
 - We have an assigned Nurse Practitioner
 - There will be no charge for those that do not have insurance
 - The Board members have an opportunity to visit today after the meeting
 - We will need to have an approved budget by June 30th
 - Tuesday, June 22nd -next Board meeting -we will review the budget for next year
 - Dr. Zachary, our new Executive Director, is currently spending 1-2 days a week on campus. He is coming on board full-time in July.

Public Comment – None

Old Business – None

Adjourned – 12:52pm

Respectfully submitted by Virginia Burrows

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