

Board Meeting – September 30, 2021

Attendance:

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

Administration:

1. Dr. Marc Zachary
2. Randy Dendy
3. Kenesha Hardy
4. Eyvette Schrimmer
5. Idasa Cobb
6. Dr. LaCheryl Smith
7. Virginia Burrows
8. Gretchen Taylor
9. Charles Ratterree

Call to Order: 12:17pm

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

Finance Committee Report: Gretchen Taylor

- Review of Balance Sheet and Income Statement as of 8/31/21

Principal Reports:

Kenesha Hardy – 4k Center

- Principal Hardy shared school updates:
 - Hispanic Heritage Month -celebrating with displays, music, healthy snacks, PE dances, and integrated books
 - Planning for upcoming Virtual Literacy Night -October 12th at 4pm

Eyvette Schrimmer – Elementary School

- Principal Schrimmer shared school updates:
 - Hispanic Heritage Month -celebrating with Swamp Rabbit Trail Walk today and music in car line
 - Now moving from phase I (routines and procedures with management) -to phase II -focusing on rigor of instruction
 - Currently working with Dr. Lowry (Data Consultant) on academic goal setting looking at:
 - Interims/Benchmarks that are 96/97% correlated to SC Ready and;
 - NWEA MAP correlated to ACT and our school mission and vision to get our scholars to and through college graduation

Idasa Cobb – Middle School

- Principal Cobb shared school updates:
 - Hispanic Heritage Month celebrations
 - Weekly PRIDE meetings begin Oct. 1 to include:
 - Mission/Vision Statement
 - Core Value Message: Perseverance
 - News Show
 - Scholar/Teacher Recognitions
 - Scholar Showcase
 - PSAT for 7th/8th grade scholars (60 scholars)
 - Duke TIP opportunity for 7th graders
 - SC Junior Scholar for 8th graders
 - Building partnerships this school year:
 - Clemson University: PEER/WISE funded by the GE Foundation
 - Tutoring 7th/8th grade Math/Science (Sunday-Thursday)
 - Pre-Engineering (STEM) Program for all 8th graders (monthly programs)
 - Summer STEM Camp for 8th graders (50 slots to fill)
 - Opportunity to enter the Academy in 10th grade for \$25,000 scholarship to ANY college/university
 - Provide Guest Speakers for our ALPHA program (Advanced Learning Program for High Achievers)
 - BMW
 - First Lego League Team for LECMS
 - Funding: Equipment, Registration
 - Sponsors from Engineering Department
 - Provide Guest Speakers for our ALPHA Program

Dr. LaCheryl Smith - High School

- Principal Smith shared school updates:
 - October is an exciting month -celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month
 - We have a whole school meeting planned for October 8th. We also had a special "Let's Talk College Meeting" for our Hispanic families. The entire meeting was in Spanish. We invited local colleges and it was well-received.
 - October 5th- We are hosting a FAFSA Night for our senior scholars. We will assist all scholars with submitting a FAFSA application.
 - October 15th is College Application Day for our seniors. They will have an opportunity to apply to the school of their choice on that day.
 - This week our Student Council showered our custodians with appreciation notes to thank them for their hard work in keeping our campus clean.

Executive Director Report: Dr. Marc Zachary

- Dr. Zachary shared the following updates:
 - Kids First Charter School Conference -attended this week
 - The state dept shared current data and how it has impacted our schools
 - Over-all, charter school enrollment is up across the state
 - However, declining test scores show the pandemic has affected our children of color
- Current Pandemic Numbers
 - We have had a 49% decrease in the quarantine of scholars since August
 - New GEERS funding will assist us with addressing current COVID issues such as hiring permanent subs/assistants
- Currently 67% of our staff is vaccinated
 - We will continue with providing incentives for our vaccinated staff from our anonymous donor
 - October 8th -one more opportunity for the incentive
- October data -looking at all data points, such as interim/benchmarks
 - The fall data will allow us to assess where we stand academically at this point in the school year and;
 - Make a plan for what we need to do to help our scholars be successful in the coming weeks
- Continuing with Relay training and meeting with leaders every week

Mr. Brown - Board Chair

- There has been a 25% increase of people coming into charters this year in South Carolina
- Mr. Brown reminded the Board members to join him to visit the new 4k center today after the Board meeting
 - Close to 60% of current 4k scholars are siblings from current Legacy families
- We are still working on Berea property planning for 900 scholars serving 4k-8th grades
- We will continue to develop scholars to and through college -at least a baccalaureate degree through our partnerships with Greenville Tech, North Greenville and Southern Wesleyan
 - Our goal for all scholars is for them to leave Legacy with at least 1 year of college complete -at least 30 credit hours
- We will continue working to help our scholars with scholarships
- Mr. Brown thanked the Board members for everything they do to help us with our mission

Also approved and seconded by the Board was the following:

Established in 1974, the Fine Arts Center serves all Greenville County students which includes anyone enrolled in a home, private, charter or public school. Legacy Early College recognizes that our scholars may participate in pre-professional arts instruction at the Fine Arts Center. Legacy moves to approve the class codes and credit level associated with the South Carolina Department of Education and used at the Fine Arts Center for these courses.

Public Comment- None

Old Business – None

Adjourned – 12:43 pm

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.