

Regular Board Meeting - AGENDA

September 25, 2023

14613 Steele Creek Road, Charlotte, NC 28273

S. Walker, B. Butler, M. McCarthy, T. Wiggins

Administration: S. Reddick, A. Abraham, A. Hamp

Minutes by J. Whisnant

CALL TO ORDER - ESTABLISH QUORUM

Next meeting: Monday, October 23, 2023 (Marty McCarthy presiding)

Mission Statement – Through classical education’s rigor, Unity Classical Charter School will develop intellectually, morally and physically excellent citizens who embrace learning and the desire to serve.

Adoption of Revised Agenda M. McCarthy motioned to approve the revised agenda, B. Butler seconded. Agenda approved.

Approval of Minutes from August 2023. M. McCarthy motioned to approve the minutes, B. Butler seconded. Minutes approved.

Legislative Update from NC Coalition of Charter Schools – Lindalyn Kakadelis via Zoom

Discussed new legislation recently passed: the Charter School Omnibus Bill and the Parent’s Bill of Rights. Outlined in detail each bill and its impact on NC charter schools. Discussion followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT There was one speaker.

REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

PTC President Report - D. Williams

Kicked off the year with a leadership meeting. We have over 20 leaders. Training the new leaders.

Breakfast carts for staff were loved by teachers.

The first full PTC meeting is Oct. 5.

Fundraising: we raised a lot of money for the sound system. Mr. Alexander has been leading the initiative to get that going. Parents are continuing to step up. Good news, we have an influx of parents who want to go after those bigger dollars to make things happen.

Treasurer Report and Bond Update- D.Goldfarb by S. Walker

D. Goldfarb sent some notes regarding the bonding, an email update should have been received. We were looking for a buyout number from our current financing company (\$715,000) DOT is not going to

be included in the landlord's reconciliation. That is a total savings of \$218,000. Still working through the bonding process.

Enrollment Report – S. Reddick and Team

As of today 767 students. We were 73 students short of the 840 goal. Discussion followed. S. Walker asked for a report on where these students went.

Carpool Updates – S. Reddick and Team

Buses are completely full and still have waiting lists. We did lose some families because they could not get on the bus. Carpool in the morning has been the easiest to mitigate and continues to get better.

Afternoon carpool has been our biggest challenge. First day ended at 5:45 pm. Transportation team worked hard to shorten the process. We are now averaging getting out at 4:15. We are adjusting to School Pass, our new system.

Evacuation Protocols – S. Reddick and Team

How can we streamline the evacuation process? How does our safety protocol work?

Different types of evacuation. We met with CMPD. There are three different levels. Discussion followed.

Modified our fire drills and we now have two different areas for evacuation.

We started to create our Emergency Preparedness Book. We have been working with the Steele Creek division of CMPD. We are looking at getting an OX box (where SWAT can come in). Discussion followed on protocols.

Discussion followed on the recent snake evacuation.

Parent Partnering Support – T. Wiggins, www.TylasChronicles.com

Ms. Wiggins has started a new company for Parent Partnering Support called the TitusChronicles. What would it look like if we were able to support our parents in the same structure as the educators? A Truly PartneredParent.

Framework is intentional involvement and Conscious communication. Discussion on what this looks like followed. S. Walker expressed concern that being a board member may be a conflict of interest.

Ms. Wiggins was asked to come back to the board with how it would be executed and what it would look like.

HEAD OF SCHOOL REPORT

Teachers have been asked to complete self-evaluations. Team grade level meetings with curriculum coaches have begun.

Faculty and staff support. PTC has already helped us and this morning made a real impression with their breakfast and snacks.

Hosted middle school curriculum night from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Nice turnout and had some families stay as late as 8 pm.

Grammar School curriculum night is this Thursday for grades K through 4th.

Testing. BOG has been done. We are in the middle of STAR testing. STAR is mostly done in K-5. Grades 6-8 will be done this week. WIDA testing is complete (45 students who took that test).

Compliance. We have completed our first fire drills. Also sprinkler and annual fire inspections have been completed and passed.

Last of furniture for 3rd floor is coming in by October. Most of the new technology is in. G2 TVs have been delayed. All new technology has been asset-tagged.

CLOSED SESSION – The Chair will now entertain a motion that the Board go into closed session under NC General Statute 143-318,11.(6) M. McCarthy made the motion. B. Butler seconded and Board moved into closed session at 7:38 pm.

ADJOURN Meeting returned to open session, there was no further business. Motion to adjourn made by T. Wiggins, seconded by M. McCarthy. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.