

## New Life Academy of Excellence

### Board Meeting Minutes August 19, 2017

Call to order - 9:59a - Carter Wilson

Celena Cater, Dr. Sara Yum, Celeste Anderson, Mr. Foward, Carter Wilson, Theresa Thomas, Dr. Mary Parker, James Sledge Not present: Dr. Hawkins (excused)

Agenda - review

Review Finance Committee meeting minutes, motion to approve by Celena Cater, second by James Sledge. Everyone voted yes.

Review previous board meeting minutes from, motion to approve by Carter Wilson, second by Theresa Thomas. Everyone voted yes.

Opening video of NLAE teachers Year of "POSITIVITY"

School Updates by Mr. Alphonsa Foward

Teacher complete 40 hours of Professional Development during the New Life Academy of Excellence Summer Instructional Institute.

Blazer ceremony for 6th Grader students. Former Associate Superintendent Frances Davis (HR Gwinnett County Public Schools) was the keynote speaker.

Enrollment review. The numbers are good but down some. Total: 582 current. Over 300 on waiting list. Proposed to max to 600 cap. Building is 42k sq. ft. For 600 students average Bldg size is 100k sq. ft. Discussion around size of classes. Suggestion for 100 kindergarten students - 4 teachers & 4 paras in the future.

Concerning is the reduced number of kindergarteners

The board is currently developing a strategic plan for future growth & expansion.

Action item: Explore new opportunities to generate income to fund new programs that will increase student achievement and growth.

Financial Update by Mr. Carter Wilson

Financial report:

Audit was August 9th - 11th. Feedback will be discussed our September meeting.

GMAS Milestones Assessment - Results by Mr. Alphonsa Forward

Discussion regarding correlation between success of testing scores to size of classrooms and teacher experience. Future concentration for our middle school will be S.T.E.M. program development, which will assist us in bringing growth to our scores in Math and Science.

Our students did well overall. We outperformed the state and were competitive with the local school district.

Reviewed teacher's years of service.

Establishment of board committee:

Finance 2016/2017

Academic Committee 2017/2018

Training Center move in date 8/31/17

We are currently in partnership with GCPS for district assessment and formative assessment and looking for an additional partnership with Georgia Center for Assessment .

Carter Wilson moved to adjourn meeting, Celena Cater 2nd motion, approved my all.

Adjourned at 12:04pm.