

Kennesaw Charter Science and Math Academy  
Governance Board Meeting

Meeting Date: Thursday, August 17, 2017

Welcome and Call to Order, 7:03pm by Board President, Motyne Morris.

Board Roll Call: Tad, Montyne, George, Dave, Davida, VJ, Jaqueline  
Unable to attend: Shawnita

Approval of Agenda: Approved with the addition of a potential 5K in the new business section of the agenda.

Mission Moment: Exemplary 5<sup>th</sup> Grade teachers were recognized for their professionalism, commitment to education and their willingness to adapt to school changes during the initial days of the school year. Dr. McNealy highly commended the 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers and the board supported his recommendations by presenting certificates of commendation. Two teachers were also recognized for the success of the Master Challenge.

Public Comment: There were no signature requests for public comment.

Reports:

1. School Leader: Dr. McNealy presented a thorough report including the current enrollment of 604 and details of the strategies being used to increase enrollment. Dr. McNealy's full report will be provided and included in the saved minutes on the KCSMA website.
2. Finance: Dave reported in behalf of the Finance Committee. July checks were reconciled and all bills are current. Nothing is due to date. The P and L report is forthcoming. Reports and expense ledges were distributed.
3. Governance: Tad reported and addressed the board, parent, community ratio required by the charter is being addressed by the Governance committee. The committee is addressing succession planning and the charge of charter renewal for 2020.
4. Board Development:  
Davida reported three additional committee members have been target for committee participation, all of whom have nonprofit and higher education board experiences. Two board prospects have been vetted and are slated to attend the September board meeting after a school tour. A discussion has also begun to initiate a board member manual, Jaqueline and Davida have this expertise.
5. Academic Accountability: George reported that the committee has met, reviewed the charters for KCSMA and Georgia Charters to familiarize the committee with academic measurement and expectations. TEAKS classes were also attended to gain better understanding of the assessments, goals and academic objectives. George achieved TEAKS certification and Jackie achieved LEAKS certification in behalf of the board.

6. PTO—president reported that there are now eight PTO officers, up from 4 at the end of the school year. They have hosted a new teacher lunch, Back to School bash, organized parent engagement opportunities and committees and established protocol for monthly recognition of teachers. PTO has also established an Educational Support budget for teachers and mini-grant opportunities. There are several special events scheduled including Family Movie night, Spirit Night, Braves Night and Grandparents Day.
7. Chair: Montyne reported Board training on 9/23/17 in College Park and 9/9/17 Amendment training that will better enlighten the board on the Sunshine Laws. The reminder was made that board members are asked to contribute \$30 towards a bulletin board for the school, the goal is to raise \$200 for the display.

Old Business: None

New Business: Board nominations were postponed until the September 2017 meeting when the candidates can attend.

The 5K discussion was added and briefly addressed as a school fundraiser. The question of cost to produce the event was raised and it was resolved to table the discussion until cost information is gathered by Montyne.

Executive Session: None

Board Announcements and Comments: Dave commended the board members for their commitment and active participation. Davida encouraged the parents, teachers and staff to remain confident that board anticipated the transition would affect enrollment initially, but has confidence in Dr. McNealy's leadership and the staff's ability to rebuild the school successfully. Jackie voiced her support and confidence in the direction that the school is going and encouraged parents to continue to communicate the confidence of the board in the school's leadership.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Recorded by: Davida Morgan-Washington 8.17.2017