

Uwharrie Charter Academy
Board Meeting
January 12th, 2017

Board Members Present:

Aaryn Slafky
Ashley Duggins
Angela Kern
David McCrae
Julia Del Grande
Mac Whatley
Mark Hensley
Michael Strickland
Peter Rajtar

Board Members Not Present:

Stacy Griffin

Others Present:

Casey Harris
Heather Soja
Van Hurley

Mac Whatley called the meeting to order. Mark reported that he will now attach the bank statement to his monthly email to the board. The renewal to the line of credit is now complete. Mac asked if there were any questions about the minutes or the CFO report. David moved to adopt the consent agenda. Angie seconded. All in favor.

Heather reviewed her Director's report with the board. Open Enrollment opened at 12:01AM on January 9th with over 400 Intent to Apply forms turned in this week. An information session will be held in the commons area of the middle school on January 17th from 7-8pm.

Heather reported that we are in the final round of the Golden Leaf Grant, which is a \$175K NC grant awarded to institutions in rural, economically-stressed areas which will be used to provide equipment, technology and professional development for both schools. UCA will also be applying for a Burroughs Welcome Grant (BWG) soon. The BWG would enable primary and secondary students to partici-

pate in creative, hands-on scientific activities for both schools and pursue inquiry-based exploration. The grant is worth \$60K a year for three years. Aaryn suggested that if successful, we should contact The Courier Tribune and list the grant, along with other grants on our website to inform parents. The board agreed.

Heather has been back and forth with Alan Hart from USDA. Alan said the USDA would not be the way to go this time. Given this information, we plan to pay more in interest in this next phase of construction. Finding our own construction company will be the most amiable approach. She will Keep Alan in the loop going forward to keep everything approved. UCA is currently assessing costs for 5th grade expansion. As a result of losing PE space for the expansion, administration is looking into options, possibly pouring concrete for flooring by the green-space and adding temporary shelter.

Concerns were tossed around about additional traffic problems with the addition of 5th grade at the middle school location. Color coding and pick-up time staggering have been considered. The Finance Committee plans to meet next week to continue to discuss options for Phase II.

Interviews for projected vacancies and 5th grade positions will begin in February. The board will go into closed session next month to discuss these vacancies.

Heather introduced a new educational opportunity through RCC: "Reality Re-design", a reality show competition that could be offered as a STEAM elective for a team of students. If this becomes a reality for UCA, teams of students will document a video diary that will enhance students ability to compete, work as a team, and include STEAM infusion. Students could potentially win scholarship money.

At the insurance renewal this time, UCA has added a \$3M umbrella has been added to our liability policy.

Storage units are in place as a result of a request after fire inspection.

The annual Strategic Planning meeting will be held at Starworks in Star, NC on January 28th from 9AM-4PM. We will go over what was discussed at last year's annual meeting and action results. We will have large and small group discus-

sions in areas such as expansion, facilities and curriculum, etc. We will also enjoy the facility at Starworts and have a team building activity in the afternoon.

Van Hurley has been contacting peers about their drug policy and needs more time to meet with some additional administration from area schools before deriving UCA's drug policy for approval by the board.

Michael made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mark seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Del Grande
Secretary