

Uwharrie Charter Academy

Board Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2018

Board Members Present

Eric Ward	Julia Del Grande
Ashley Duggins	Stacy Griffin
Michael Strickland	Aaryn Slafky
Holly Moorhead	
Kristian Allen	

Board Members not Present:

Carter Bills	Angela Kern
David McRae	

Others Present

Casey Harris	Jennifer Way
Heather Vuncannon	Chris Wheat
Art Hood	Colleen Stanley
Chrissy Neelon	Aaron Barringer
Rebecca Harris	

Call to Order: Stacy Griffin called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Teacher Presentations- Casey Harris invited teachers and new administration to meet the board: Aaron Barringer (MS ELA), Art Hood (HS History), Chrissy Neelon (HS Art), Colleen Stanley (ES EC), and Chris Wheat (HS Dean). The Board enjoyed hearing from them and what's going on in their classroom. Board was invited to stop by their classrooms any time.

Consent Agenda – No Treasurer Report for this month but will have one next month. Our treasurer indicated that bank statements are often delayed and the treasurer's report would be more complete if the reports were representative of the month prior. This will insure completeness and accuracy in representing the fiscal health of the school. **Kristian Allen moved to approve consent agenda. Ashley Duggins seconded. All in favor.**

Public Comment- No public comment.

Finance:

Budget Amendments by David were reviewed by the board. The board decided to increase a line item on the budget for professional development spending for teachers from \$7,000 to \$20,000. This increase was largely due to the teacher survey data that the board reviewed.

Motion to approve by Stacy Griffin. Eric Ward Second. All in Favor

NC-CCS (NC Coalition of Charter Schools)- The NC-CCS is an organization (501c6) that is dedicated to advocacy and political action on behalf of charter schools in NC. They will have a presence in Raleigh daily to fight on behalf of charter schools and specifically in the areas of fair funding and regulation control. Seven Charlotte charter schools and East Wake Academy will be joining for a total of roughly 13 to 15 charter schools. A press conference with Senate and House Representatives along with lobbyist will be held in Raleigh on Nov. 30th to discuss NC-CCS. A live feed will be sent out to all charter schools. Board members are welcome to attend. We will revisit in December to vote on membership.

Governance:

Executive Committee recommends that we slow down the time line for growth in respect to the facilities. Executive Committee has been in contact with Scott Kauffman concerning an extension of our contract with Klausner Building and renegotiating rent. We will wait to hear back from him. No time line for now but will revisit at the end of the year.

Executive Committee has discussed going from four officers to three, eliminating vice chair position. Job descriptions have been submitted to Heather Vuncannon by Stacy Griffin for these positions. A decision needs to be made at the December board meeting.

The board will begin taking applications for two positions to begin in June 2019. This information will be posted on social media and our website. Applications will be accepted until December 16, 2018. Ashley Duggins will direct the application process.

Committee Updates – It was decided that three committees will be made: Finance, Governance and Academics. Each committee has drafted a description that includes a mission, how to select members, and responsibilities. The Executive Committee will also serve the board.

Google Doc- Google Doc folder have been created for the board and information can be shared with members securely. Members should check google docs for new documents each month and come to each board meeting prepared and ready to discuss.

Affirmation of new hires: No affirmation is needed for new hires. It is the duty of the superintendent and their leadership to vet and hire the best candidate for a respective position.

The board of directors is only responsible for the hiring/termination of the superintendent position. When we have a prospective new hire, Chad Douglas will send out a name and any familial relations to existing staff and board members will have 24hrs to send any pertinent information that should be taken into consideration.

Curriculum

Casey Harris and Rebecca Harris presented Academic Data from EVAAS for 2017-2018 school year and how we plan to improve our performance. EVAAS is the data platform used by the state to disseminate teacher, student, and school-wide data each school year for each of the EOC/EOG assessments administered by the school. This data along with other measures are used to create the “school report grade.”

CCIP Grant- This is the federal grant program for use of Title I and Title II funds. UCA has not participated in the past due to the hiring restrictions but those have now been modified to be more inclusive of charter schools. Ms. Vuncannon is writing the grant to be awarded these funds with an emphasis on improving student math outcomes.

AIG Update- Ashley suggested that we find someone to volunteer to help build an AIG program. A committee will be assembled to research best structures and practices at charter schools across the state to find the best fit for UCA. Work on an AIG plan to be submitted to the Office of Charter Schools will begin this summer and an implementation timeline will be developed. It is important to stakeholders that the original mission and spirit of the school be held close as a plan is developed.

Superintendent Presentation- Heather Vuncannon shared her Annual Review. She gave a review of our history to how we got here. She discussed her job description from 2013 to now as the CEO of UCA.

Stacy Griffin will be creating a Superintendent Evaluation Folder. Inside will be a 2-page questionnaire that will need to be completed and submitted by next Friday, 11/16. A blank space at the end will be provided to give your personal thoughts.

*Presentations are available upon request by sending an email request to Jennifer_way@uwharriecharter.org.

Stacy motioned to close the board meeting at 9:45 pm. Julia seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Way