

Kestrel Heights School Board
February 10th, 2015
6:30 pm-8:30 pm

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 in the Kestrel Heights Middle School at 6:30 PM. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Josephe' Featherstone.

Purpose: To ensure the Outcomes in our Charter are being accomplished and that all parameters are being followed.

The following Directors were in attendance: Josephe Featherstone, Nancy-Anne Potts, Glenna Boston, Jessica DeCuir-Gunby, Jamie Gunter, Mary Carter, Andrew Joseph, Shane McCurdy, and Mike Abensour

Guest: Dr. Mark Tracy/Executive Director, Terri Barber/PTSO

Absent: Tonya Hunt, Kathy Chapman

Public Comment

Richelle Baptiste' wanted to bring the request for a middle school Spanish teacher. Parents are willing to financially support a teacher. She feels there is a need to help our students be ahead, preparing for high school.

Old Business:

January 27, 2015 minutes were reviewed.

Motion: Jamie Gunter made a motion to approve the January 27, 2015 minutes as amended with grammatical corrections.

Second: Dr. Andrew Joseph

The January 27, 2015 Kestrel Heights Board of Director Minutes were unanimously approved.

Monthly Discussion Items:

Financials

Discussion was led by Nancy-Anne Potts, Treasurer, regarding current KHS financial statement. Discussion involved possibilities, utilities were high, maintenance, IT expenses.

No Motion was made or needed.

Discussion was held regarding Wright Risk Property and Liability. Commercial Enrollment Projections for 2015-16 regarding health care, the premium for commercial property coverage has decreased. The school will be receiving a refund from 2014-2015 fiscal year.

Motion: Glenna Boston made a motion to renew the Moore Commercial Education Insurance Proposal for commercial property coverage for the 2015-2016 school year.

Second: Marry Carter
Unanimously approved.

PTSO

Terri Barber updated regarding food pantry, special projects, increase parent involvement, fundraiser for Children's Cancer.

Executive Director Report

Dr. Tracy's monthly director report included updates from key personnel:

Student Safety:

Ms. Wicker updated board of Health and Safety Committee and compliant with the emergency response system.

Student Learning: Mid Year Reviews

Dr. Webb provided an updated BOD on Elementary activities through the school, School Improvement Plan being updated, Community Service opportunities, Pen Pals, Teacher Observations, Upcoming Events

Mr. Sinclair provided an updated BOD on Middle School "Bridge" document, Values Committee, School and Department Scorecard, School Dashboard, Quarterly review of values and behaviors, 6-8 Increased Consistency, "Culture Quality" and "Ethic of Excellence", and Increased Student and Parent Involvement.

Mrs. Yates provided an updated BOD on High School, student acceptances: 27 different institutions to this point, Teacher Evaluations currently, Fundraising, Athletic Form to assure meeting NCAC criteria.

Mr. Bunch provided Exceptional Children's Department fundamental goals identifying EC needs K-12, goal of more frequent inclusive unit, program review, effort to improve process, develop EC staff professional training, overall leadership has facilitated substantial increase in collaboration.

Dr. Tracy presented Coach Wright's update to the BOD regarding status of Athletic Department, hosting the NCAC State Championship.

Mr. Hyatt provided an update regarding the Technology Department, internet needs, e-rate discount, update website, technology to serve EC needs, inventory management, technology plan.

Dr. Tracy led a discussion regarding the response to School Report Card The Parent Forum is Feb. 12, 2015, 6-7:30pm, Middle School Media Center.

Mrs. Griffin provided an update regarding the Second Quarter Data Report, implementing quarterly benchmarks, and analyzing data to assist in improvements per grade.

Meeting Extension:

Motion: Jessica DeCuir-Gunby made a motion at 8:10pm to extend our meeting past its 2 hour limit of 8:30pm.

Second: Jamie Gunter

Unanimously approved.

Contract Review:

Acadia has supplied two different services, Dr. Tracy is exploring options.

No motion was made or needed.

Governance

Board member selection to be intentional exploring future needs of the Kestrel Heights Board of Directors to fulfill their fiduciary duties.

Joseph Featherstone, President asked everyone to email Glenna Boston, Secretary by the March meeting to give your intent to renew another term.

No motion made or needed.

Closed Session:

Jamie Gunter moves to go into close session at 8:32pm for the purpose of:

N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5) Establish or instruct the staff or agents concerning the negotiations of the amount of compensation or other terms of a contract.

N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5) Establish or instruct the staff or agents concerning the negotiation of the price and terms of a contract concerning the acquisition of real property

N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) Establish or instruct the staff or agents concerning the negotiations of the amount of compensation or other terms of an employment contract.

Closed Session began at 8:32pm.

Motion: Glenna Boston made a motion to come out of closed session at 10:27pm.

Second: Dr. Andrew Joseph

Unanimously approved.

Closed Session ended at 10:27

Discussions ensued as a result of closed session, which included:

Shane McCurdy to Solicit bids from existing blueprints from vendors, Dr. Andrew Joseph to contact architect out of state who possibly may assist pro-bono, Attorney Bowens and Dr. Tracy to work with Tri-Properties regarding preparation of grassy knoll for use, and Mike Alternative Abensour to explore alternative recreational facilities.

Motion: Glenna Boston made a motion to create a parent subcommittee to work on open space and alternative areas for recreational activities with Dr. Tracy and Jamie Gunter.

Second: Mike Abensour

Unanimously approved.

Motion: Jessica DeCuir-Gunby made a motion to approve 2 staff bonuses in total amount \$3,000 for extra duties performed during the month June and July 2014.

Second: Mike Abensour

Unanimously approved with 1 Abstention by Dr. Andrew Joseph

Adjourn:

Motion: Glenna Boston made a motion to adjourn meeting at 10:35pm.

Second: Jamie Gunter

Unanimously approved.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:35pm.