



Board of Directors Meeting
Nov 18, 2021
7:00 p.m. (Virtual - Zoom/Facebook Live)

Members Present:

Nolan Perry, Kate Day, Verna Little, Ana Rynearson, Maria Mills (Director), Stephanie Nall (Compliance Director - taking minutes)

Absent:

Jay Sikes, Daniel Gibson, Kimberly Potter

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm and hosted via zoom by Board Chair, Nolan Perry.

Nolan read the mission statement:

Carolina Charter Academy prepares students for a lifetime of learning by developing their natural passion for discovery and problem-solving. Students are immersed in an engaged learning environment where they develop knowledge-based education to better understand the world around them.

Approval of Minutes:

The approval of minutes and agenda was postponed to the next meeting since they were not sent ahead of time.

Board Chair Report:

Nolan reviewed the policy suggestion/amendment form he is creating. This form will allow staff, parents, and/or community members to suggest policies or amendments.

Treasurer's Report:

Jay Sikes (treasurer) was not present, but shared reports with Nolan. No major changes or anything to report.

COVID-19 Study Group Report:

Neither of the members of the study group were present for this meeting, so Nolan suggested reviewing information at the next meeting.

Director's Report:

Maria began by reviewing enrollment for the year. At this point in the year, enrollment is closed and CCA will begin preparing for the lottery and enrollment for the coming school year.

Maria explained that part of next year's enrollment is the approval of a revised lottery/enrollment policy to include a weighted lottery. This has been approved by the State Board of Education. The weighted lottery sets aside fifteen percent of open seats for any given year.

She continued in her report, reviewing the changes in carpool and before/after care. The before/after care program is a pilot for the rest of the year.

Winter sports are well underway with Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball and Pep Squad. Home games (played at a local baptist church) and away games are scheduled this year.

Maria concluded with her discipline report. The number of incidents includes minor incidents, hopefully to be more comprehensive to track interventions.

Monthly Vote on CCA Mask Policy:

Nolan suggested moving forward with the mask policy vote (required by law) without the report of the study group since neither member (Jay or Daniel) was present.

Mrs. Mills relayed the results of the staff survey on the mask policy. The majority of staff (70%) voted to keep the mask policy in place to limit the need for quarantine if positive cases are found.

Ana and Nolan discussed the rates of positive and negative COVID tests and policies elsewhere in the community. Having to quarantine large groups of students for a positive case would be a drawback of eliminating a mask policy. Kate inquired about whether the COVID study group would be sharing the results of their investigation elsewhere outside of the board meeting. Nolan said he would look into the best way to share the information found.

Verna motioned to continue the mask policy at CCA, Ana seconded, and Nolan also voted to continue. Kate Day voted against the motion.

Public Comments:

Public comments were taken by Facebook on the Board Meeting live feed on Facebook via Zoom. These comments are incorporated by reference.

Adjournment:

Ana motioned to adjourn the meeting, Vernon seconded, Kate, Ana, and Nolan also voted to end the meeting.