

MINUTES FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Riverview Charter School
September 27, 2018, 6:00 pm, Conference Room
81 Savannah Highway, Beaufort, S.C. 29906

Mission: Riverview Charter School's mission is to create a small, diverse learning community that actively engages students in meaningful and innovative learning experiences. Emphasizing "learning by doing," family and community involvement, and engaged citizenship, Riverview is committed to nurturing the whole child and preparing each student for a global society.

Members Present: Jim White, Aby Abinoh, Gayle Carroll, Katherine Ferguson, Cathy Hoogenboom, Denise Jones, Mary Jordan Lampesis, Scott Lee, Arthur O'Kelley, Julia Wittshen-Price,

Leadership Present: Alison Thomas, AnnMarie Bowden, Donna Haram, A.K. Harper, Elizabeth O'Brien

Call to Order: At 6:00 the meeting was called to order by Jim White.

Public Session:

Approval of Agenda: Mary Jordan Lampesis moved to approve the agenda and the motion was seconded by Julia Witshen-Price and approved.

Statement of Compliance with Freedom of Information Act: in compliance

Public Comments: no one present for this purpose

Director's Report:

Update to Employment Handbook: There was a proposed amendment to address an issue created when staff out because of FMLA. For transparency it is believed that there is a need to have in place a uniform policy for all contract and salaried employees. The proposal from Leadership Team would state that if the change occurs in middle of pay period then pay would occur at end of that pay period for days worked and no pay would be made until return. Ms. Thomas will have the exact wording for revision to document. All remaining pay will be divided equally among remaining checks...accrued leave may be used. There was an opportunity provided for discussion. Since there was none a motion to adopt the amendment to the Employment Handbook was made by Mary Jordan Lampesis which was seconded by Arthur O'Kelley. The motion was approved.

Daily Bus Transportation Update: Ms. Thomas reported that due to some problem-solving concerning the bus routes the school is back down to three school buses. This solution will result in a savings of \$6,000.

Spring 2018 SCREADY (ELA and Math specific)

Test summaries report on a visual for the benefit of the group...

Grade level specific...Reading and writing scores were combined for the presentation.

Analyze in two ways: **Meet or exceed grade level and At or Above Grade level**

2016, 2017, 2018 years

-In ELA scores of our students are holding steady or rising...

-Math shows more movement and Leadership is continuing to analyze

A question was raised about tested students actually taking content the year that it is being tested. It is believed to be a possible issue. Huge points of celebration were highlighted.

BCSD student charts are comparing different students/cohorts

MATH

- 8th grade math students are well above other students in other schools and show a gradual rise. This reinforces our middle school learning environment at RCS.
- Several schools were higher in 4th grade, but by middle school scores at Riverview were higher than others with significant increases. It is hard to look at other district schools and their feeder schools and determine what happens when they go into the Middle School environment.
- Sixth grade scores are “known” to be low, but rise at RCS in middle school.
River Ridge Academy is closer to RCS and it was noted that they also serve their own through Middle School.

District and State scores are fairly similar, but data given were only district school comparisons and did not include other schools in the state.

ELA:

Every mean score went down between 2017 and 2018 in all schools in 5th and was almost the same in grades 6-8.

RCS scores went up in grade 8 by 30+ points

RCS is consistently #1 by time our students reach middle school. Foundational pieces exist and transfer is more evident in middle school. Even though it would be better if this happened sooner the trend is maintaining.

An analysis must take in to account the impact of the number of times the students have taken tests.

Data is one piece of information that is used and there is a larger construct to consider. Many other data sets that are as important or just as important. Test data is used for reflection as one piece of the puzzle.

Super Standards replaced Common Core as guidelines for curriculum. It is a balancing act to provide rigor and to test what is needed to reference growth. Consistency of “standards” is an issue/question.

ELA/Math information available on website and will be shared as part of report made in December.

Science/Social Studies data will be shared at a later date.

Finance Committee:

Monthly Financial Statement (August)

Overhead from Cathy Hoogenboom with Summary...

Favorable by \$21,000 at start of new year...July/August.

Funding Update (Revenue)

Unfavorable

Funding...\$18,000 for two months....base funding is a major impact because concern that short \$81,000 from county. This should be reconciled by 45 day ADM and should help solve problem. Alison has made the district aware of this error.

The three official times to rectify funding are day 45; day 135 in April; and in January based on December 1 data gathered.

On day #135 in April base funding should go up for us as well; GT enrollment up; Academic Assistance up; Pupils in Poverty will show an increase from 17 to 92.

Facilities was favorable-budget raised and the SCEG rebate is helping. It is 15% through December.

Reserve was favorable, but will be spent on new furniture.

Other topics:

Question was raised about the interest survey on TideWatch during Fall break. No decision yet, but will inquire again next year earlier in summer,

A question about make-up days was raised. The explanation included that the governor can forgive beyond the first three days needed to be made up. The number for RCS is now four days. Leadership will possibly seek help from the county in February after winter and icy weather is over.

It was announced that there are four openings in Grade 8 and there will be one in kindergarten Monday.

Consent Agenda

Minutes for 8/23/18

A motion by Mary Jordan Lampesis was made to approve the minutes from the meeting on August 23 and was seconded by Julia Wittschen-Price. The motion passed.

Executive Session

People and Programs committee is seeking names of those who might serve on the Board for the next term beginning in January. The present committee members are Denise Jones, John Troutman and Gayle Carroll. Please make an suggestions to any committee member

Additional Business: The dates for the next three meetings were discussed and a change was made in the October meeting from the 18th to 25th because of Fall break.

The meetings to follow are November 15 and December 13.

Leadership Team invited the Board to Christmas party on December 21 at 5:00

Adjourn

Arthur O'Kelley moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 and the motion was seconded by Scott Lee.