

## MEETING AGENDA & NOTES

Present	Brooke Archenhold
	Berra Byrd
	Cathy Griffith
	Andrea Hyman
	Daniel Lumm
	Lienne Medford
	Brian McKay
	Brian Morrison
	Laura Raby
	Corey Shick
	Rob Venable
	Stacey Wilson
	David Wooten
Katja Magee (guest)	
Esther Beck (guest)	
Absent	Chasity Gonzalez
	Kyle Snipes

# MEETING NOTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm.

### MOTION: APPROVE AGENDA

- Brooke Archenhold made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.
- The motion was seconded by Lienne Medford.
- All were in favor, and the agenda was approved.

### MOTION: APPROVE JANUARY 2024 MEETING MINUTES

- Lienne Medford made a motion to approve the January 2024 board meeting minutes as presented.
- The motion was seconded by Stacey Wilson.
- All were in favor, and the minutes were approved.

### REPORTS

- David Wooten, Principal's report
  - Mr. Wooten noted that the school conducted a lockdown drill in early January. Students and school staff responded well to the drill. Staff took notes regarding the response in order to determine if any adjustments are necessary.

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- School staff recently completed intake conferences for all incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders, as well as rising 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students on the waitlist for admission. Staff conducted a separate meeting for parents concurrently. Information about the mission and vision the school is being integrated into these intake conferences in order to help parents know what to expect. Teachers and board members who were present at these meetings provided positive feedback.
  - The school will once again work with Orange Sky Travel to plan the next Washington, D.C. field trip for 8<sup>th</sup> graders in October 2024. Mr. Wooten noted that there had been a significant number of students/families sign up to participate in that trip.
  - The school is moving into the time of the school year when standardized tests are administered. Testing is beginning for multilingual learners. The next round of Measuring Academic Progress (“MAP”) testing will be conducted in April, then South Carolina College- and Career-Ready Assessments (“SC READY”) will follow.
  - Select school staff will soon conduct Individual Graduation Plan (“IGP”) meetings with 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents. These meetings will include discussion of students’ career interests and high school class recommendations proposed by their current teachers.
  - The Charter Institute at Erskine (“Erskine”) sent Mr. Wooten a timeline regarding various tasks that must be completed associated with the transition to Erskine as the school’s new authorizer. Mr. Wooten and several board members will meet with Erskine personnel on February 20 to discuss the timeline further, clarify roles and responsibilities, and obtain information that may inform development of the school’s budget for the 2024-25 school year.
  - Erskine informed Mr. Wooten about the Willie Jeffries School of Excellence, a new charter school that’s been established in Orangeburg, as well as a forthcoming documentary being produced regarding the life of Coach Willie Jeffries and his involvement in the formation of the new school.
  - Mr. Wooten shared a brief report regarding the Langston Foundation. It was noted that a report about the Foundation may be regularly included on future school board meeting agendas.
- Lienne Medford, Academic Affairs
    - Mrs. Medford reported that research findings may have confirmed a genetic difference between males and females that relates to learning differences between genders.
  - Daniel Lumm, Governance
    - No report
  - Kyle Snipes, Facilities
    - Mr. Wooten reported that the school recently had conducted minimal, standard maintenance. There was a brief elevator outage, which was repaired.
  - Andrea Hyman, Treasurer
    - The LCMS Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss handouts that were shared with Board members, and Mrs. Hyman provided a brief summary.
    - Tuition reimbursement for school staff in the month of January resulted in staff development expenses being high for that month. Elevator repair expenses were also reflected on the latest Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual handout.
    - Mr. Wooten that the schools per pupil funding dropped in accordance with a previous change to the state’s funding formula. Consequently, the school will receive approximately \$30,000 less in funding each month going forward. Based on information obtained from Erskine, the school will be back on track and projects to receive approximately \$500,000 more in funding the next school year.
    - In response to a question from Corey Shick regarding substitute teacher expenses being over budget in January 2024, Mr. Wooten acknowledged that several teachers had recently had extended leaves of absence, which required the use of substitutes. It was suggested the school and board consider increasing the allocation in that category so that the school will be as well prepared as possible in the future.

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- Mr. McKay acknowledged that the school and board leadership will soon begin the budget preparation process. The Board will see the proposed budget for the first time at the March 2024 meeting, then will need to take action to adopt the budget at the April 2024 meeting.
- Brian McKay, Chairman
  - Mr. McKay noted the Public Charter School Alliance of South Carolina will be providing a webinar series on board governance, which will consist of 4 webinars and run from February – April 2024.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- None

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- None

### **MOTION: ADJOURN MEETING**

- Corey Shick made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
- The motion was seconded by Brooke Archenhold.
- All were in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm.

### **NEXT MEETING**

March 12, 2024 at 6:00 pm