

BRASHIER MIDDLE COLLEGE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2016

Call to Order	(J. Trone)
Visitor's Comments	(J. Trone)
Approval of Agenda	(J. Trone)
Approval of August Minutes	(F. Campigotto)
Committee Reports	
Governance Committee	(L. Magnan)
i. Vacancy Appointment	
Finance Committee	(T. Cary)
i. August Financial Statement	
ii. Deposit Account Authorizers Finalized	
Community Relations	(K.Anderson)
i. Event Planning	
ii. Wreath Sales	
iii. Shirt Sales Summary	
State District Discussion	(J. Trone))
Principal's Report/School Overview	(M. Sinclair)
Adjourn	(J. Trone)

MINUTES

John Trone called the September 12, 2016 meeting to order at 5:25 PM.

Board members in attendance were: Joan Asher, Frank Campigotto, Tonya Cary, Hal Helms, Lynn Magna, Keith McNeel, Pam Patterson, Nelson Pinochet, Rene Sawyer and John Trone. Mike Sinclair, Principal, also was in attendance. Absent were: Kipra Anderson.

John Trone distributed the agenda. Hal Helms made a motion to approve the agenda. Tonya Cary seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Frank Campigotto had previously distributed the August 8, 2016 board meeting minutes via email. Lynn Magna moved to approve the minutes. Nelson Pinochet seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Visitor's Comments

There were visitors in attendance but none addressed the Board during the comment period.

Committee Reports

Governance Committee Report. The Governance Committee reported on its meeting and recommended to the Board that the current Board vacancy be filled with Pam Patterson. The vacancy resulted from Tom Steiner, who was elected to the Board in the 2016 Board Election, declining to serve on the Board. The Committee recommended Pam Patterson to fill the vacancy since she held the next most number of votes from the 2016 Board Election Results. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the recommendation of the Governance Committee to appoint Pam Patterson to the Board for a 2-year term ending June, 2018. The motion passed unanimously.

Finance Committee Report. Treasurer Tonya Cary presented the report by the Finance Committee. It was reported that all the documents are in place as required so that the authorized persons have the necessary access to the School's accounts. It was noted that the Finance Committee will review the quarter's results, now that all the information has been received, and report on the results at the next Board meeting.

Community Relations Report. Lynn Magna presented the report from the Community Relations Committee.

- It was noted that the first information meeting for parents and students will be on October 12 on the topic of college admissions and selection, including information on the dual credit opportunities available at the school.
- Wreaths from the wreath sale will be during the week after Thanksgiving.
- The profit on the shirt sale was \$3362. There are still a very few shirts left available for sale.

State District Discussion

Visitors from the South Carolina Public Charter School District were invited to provide information to the Board to help the Board decide whether it should apply to be a charter school that would be sponsored by them. The visitors were Elliot Smalley, the Superintendent of the District; Catherine Watt, Director of New Schools; and Robert Rykard, Director of Performance.

The Board and the Administration are considering whether Brashier should switch sponsors from Greenville County School Board to the SC Public Charter District mainly for financial reasons. Therefore much of the discussion centered around funding issues including, for example, the expectation that the SC Legislature will continue to fund charter schools at the same or higher levels in the future.

Other discussions centered on the process of switching sponsors, especially those issues that include switching the information databases. Superintendent Smalley also presented an overview of the goals that the SC Public Charter School District hopes to achieve with the schools in its district including equity in access, grow what works, replace what doesn't work, incentivize growth of good schools and support power being in the hands of the schools educators.

Principal's Report/School Overview

Mike Sinclair provided the Principal's Report and commented as follows:

- ACT results for 2016 Graduates: We were #2 in Greenville County in every test and composite. We ranked #12 in the state when compared to all high schools.
- Information Night for Rising 9th Graders is September 26 in the gym.
- Lottery Dates:
 - a. Open Enrollment: October 1-31 at 3:00 pm.
 - b. Lottery list posted: November 14
 - c. Lottery held: November 15 @ 4:00 pm

It was noted that everyone who wishes to be a Rising 9th Grader must apply for the lottery since merely having another child already enrolled in the school will not provide a seat in the incoming 9th grade class.
- The ACT pre-test data and groupings were shared with you at the Boot Camp. We are following up with them in a goal setting activity this Friday during Enrichment.
- We will be focusing on reading skills during this first semester in our weekly Professional Development and in the classroom using strategies from the PD. This was determined as to be our focus as a result of our consideration of the ACT pre-test and from last year's ACT results. The 9th and 10th grade will take their pre-test using an ACT prompt next Friday. The 11th grade will take theirs the next Friday. This data will be used to identify more specific needs for the students.
- Current staff development is focused on reviewing our planning, environment, and instructional rubrics provide through the TAP System. This year we have shifted our focus to measuring implementation by observing "what students say and do". We believe we are past the point of only measuring the teacher's performance with our veteran teachers. By using more student observations, we hope to measure the transfer of skills and content.
- Swim team is selling their raffle tickets so be sure to get one.

John Trone noted that Amber McBride is doing a great job as the swim team coach including the areas of skill building and team building. The comment was agreed to by other members of the Board.

It was also noted that a legislative reception will be held either in November or December and hosted by Brasher and our sister charter schools in Greenville County. The reception is in the planning stages and more information will be provided as the plans are developed.

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM. The next meeting will be October 16, 2016.
Submitted by FJ Campigotto, Secretary