

## BREVARD ACADEMY – A CHALLENGE FOUNDATION ACADEMY

## Board of Directors Regular Meeting

January 13, 2014, 6:30 p.m.

Conference Room, Brevard Academy Campus

Vice Chair/Treasurer: Warren Alston

Secretary: Zia McConnell, present

Members present: Stewart Marshall, Cheryl Reinstadler, Nick Iosue

Administration present: Tony Helton, Ben Butler

Guests: Jennifer McCluney , Krystal Powell (Acadia NorthStar), John Lanier (Transylvania Times)

The regular meeting of the Brevard Academy Board of Directors was called to order by the Vice-chair at 6:35 p.m. A quorum was present.

**Approval of Agenda:**

**Motion:** A motion was made by Cheryl to approve the agenda. Nick seconded.  
Unanimous vote -- **Motion carried.**

**Closed Session:**

**Motion:** Cheryl made a motion from the floor to enter into a closed session to prevent the disclosure of privileged or confidential information under the NC general Statutes 143.318.11 (a) (1) to discuss items related to personnel. Zia seconded.

**Motion carried.** The Board entered into Closed Session at 6:36 p.m.

**Motion:** Nick made a motion to come out of Closed Session. Stewart seconded.

**Motion carried.** Time: 6:58 p.m. **No action was taken.**

**Consideration and approval of minutes:**

**Motion:** A motion was made by Nick to approve the November and December 2013 meeting minutes from the regular Board of Directors meetings with the corrections as discussed. Cheryl seconded. Unanimous vote -- **Motion carried.**

**Public comment:**

None

**Financial Report – Jennifer McCluney (see attached)**

There were several budget amendments suggested for approval as there had not been a quorum at the December meeting. Many of these related to the fact that the state finalized the ADM figures and consequently the revenue needed to be adjusted in the budget.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Cheryl to approve the budget item amendments as listed. Nick seconded. Unanimous vote -- **Motion carried.**

**PTO report: Lisa Malaquin-Prey**

- Concessions for the basketball games have gone well
- Considering a Valentine's dance
- Thinking about a Spring festival that would be similar to the Fall festival that has been such a success
- Scholastic Book Fair in March

**Teacher report: Christina Gibbons, Crystal Holland**

Camy Stirling introduced the 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers and also gave her printed report.

*Core Knowledge:*

There are many novels in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade to choose from but the teachers decided to start with

*Pollyanna* because it focuses on being positive and has really good messages for the students.

Then they chose to do *Robin Hood*, which went really well with the Social Studies unit and period of history they were studying. They broke into reading groups based on the students' MAPS scores. MAPS testing really helps classify the reading groups for the teachers.

The teachers also did some reading aloud due to the difficulty of the language in the book; this ensures lower level readers get as much out of the story as the higher level readers.

Then to tie in with Social Studies, 4<sup>th</sup> grade hosted a Medieval Day, where they played traditional games, such as bocce ball, bowling and chess. They also used a pool noodle and a board to depict the scene where Robin Hood and Littlejohn first meet and battle each other over a creek. Each student got to be Robin Hood or Littlejohn and battle each other on the "bridge."

Next, the teachers are planning to do the Legend of Sleepy Hollow. Again, this will tie into Social Studies as they will be doing the American Revolution. For the assessment, the students will write a continuation of the story or make a travel brochure.

Many of the ideas for reading selections the teachers use come from "*What your 4<sup>th</sup> Grader Needs to Know*." Sometimes the teachers will read excerpts from the novels because there is just not enough time to read all those that are suggested.

Lots of fun things being done with Science — Ms. Holland has a passion for science, and is doing lots of things with the students. She is going to have a student from Rosman, Cade Brinkley, bring built the scale model Tesla Coil that he built himself. Also, the students will take a trip to the Duke World of Energy in Seneca, S.C.

Cheryl mentioned bringing these kinds of presentations to the Conference in Phoenix to share with other Team CFA schools.

BA-CFA has 3 lessons in the Connect CFA newsletter this month.

**Director's report – (see attached)***Enrollment*

Current student enrollment stands at 223. One more student moved to a local school (from Kindergarten).

*Bus tags*

The state has said that we can no longer have government issued license plates on the buses. We have to purchase private tags.

### *Vandalism*

Over Christmas break, someone came onto the campus and broke out the back window of the bus with some sort of shot. The repair is less than the deductible on our insurance, so we will be paying to have that fixed.

### *1<sup>st</sup> grade replacement teacher*

One person has been interviewed to replace Katie Campbell (she had to leave in December due to a job opportunity her husband had in the family business) and there are 2 more interviews scheduled. Faith Stamey has been the substitute in that class, which has helped the students' transition and Camy has blended the two classes together and provided most of the core instruction that way.

### **Team CFA report: Cheryl Reinstadler**

There is a planning meeting this weekend at the venue of those working on the conference that will be held in Phoenix June 25 – 29<sup>th</sup>. Teachers need to be paying attention to those kinds of items that they might want to showcase at the conference, and they need to be thinking about the types of sessions they want to see at the conference. Contact Cheryl with any input soon, so that the sessions can be added.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### *Finance Committee: Warren & Zia*

- We might want to consider having an electronic signature or a stamp available for Juli Lefler to use so that she doesn't have to chase us down to get signatures for AP Pac checks.

#### *Fund Development & Public Outreach*

- Warren needs to have Nick take on a more active role and may be lead this committee.

#### *Long Range Planning and Visioning: Zia*

- Nothing new to report on the preschool discussion at this time.

#### *Personnel: Zia*

- Per Mr. Helton, Katie Delizza will be taking off after Spring Break to have her baby, so interviews will be happening for covering her class till the end of the year.

#### *Board Development, Policies and Procedures: Stewart*

- None

#### *Facilities*

- None at this time

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business:**

Mr. Helton read a letter to the people present saying that he would be leaving Brevard Academy at the end of this school year and taking a new position with Team CFA.

### **Next Regular Meeting:**

February 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the BA-CFA Conference Room.

### **Short Break**

**Closed Session:**

**Motion:** Nick made a motion from the floor to enter into a closed session to prevent the disclosure of privileged or confidential information under the NC general Statutes 143.318.11 (a) (1) to discuss items related to property acquisition. Cheryl seconded.

**Motion carried.** The Board entered into Closed Session at 7:58 p.m.

**Motion:** Nick made a motion to come out of Closed Session. Zia seconded.

**Motion carried.** Time: 8:24 p.m. **No action was taken.**

**Adjourn:**

**Motion:** Nick made a motion to adjourn. Stewart seconded.

Vote was unanimous. **Motion carried.**