

BREVARD ACADEMY – A CHALLENGE FOUNDATION ACADEMY

Board of Directors Regular Meeting

August 25, 2014, 6:30 p.m.

Brevard Music Center Alumni House

Chair: Warren Alston

Secretary: Zia McConnell

Members present: Stewart Marshall, Cheryl Reinstadler, Nick Iosue, Frank Prince

Administration present: Camy Stirling

Guests: Laura Thomas - Team CFA, John Lanier – Transylvania Times

The annual meeting of the Brevard Academy Board of Directors was called to order by the Vice Chair at 6:33 p.m. A quorum was present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by two BA-CFA students; a practice that will be continued throughout the year.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Consideration and approval of minutes:

Motion: A motion was made by Cheryl to approve the 6/16/14 regular meeting minutes, the minutes from the Special Meeting held on 7/9/14, and the minutes from the 7/22/14 retreat. Nick seconded. Unanimous vote -- **Motion carried.**

Public comment: None**Financial Report**

Warren said that Acadia NorthStar will only be coming to our meetings 3 times a year now, so we will have to have a new format for going over the budget.

Going forward, Mrs. Grimm will print out the budget reports emailed by Acadia so that we have hard copies to review at the meetings. Barbara will discuss any amendments or concerns needed with Acadia and Nick (Board Treasurer) prior to the board meeting. Acadia will provide any budget amendments with amounts ahead of our meetings so that we can review the amendments and the approve them (or not) at the meeting.

PTO report: Marissa McQueen

The PTO started this school year with \$7200 in the bank.

Pizza is being served on Mondays for lunch – this week the profit was \$125. All this money will be put back into the classrooms and field trip costs.

Future events:

- 9/11 there will be a Book Bingo night.
- 11/8 will be the annual Fall Festival
- There will also be a Middle School Winter Dance in Searcy
- We are also going to try to have Zaxby's for lunch every 3rd Monday starting 9/15/14

Warren thanked Marissa for all that the PTO does for the school.

Teacher report: Camy Stirling

Camy mailed out a detailed report of what each class in the school is doing at this point in the year.

Camy reported that school has had a great kick-off to the year. There was a great training session of Singapore Math before school started, taught by Heidi Cole of Thomas Jefferson. Singapore Math will now be implemented grades K-7.

When asked about the class count for this year it was explained that there are 2 classes of each grade K-4, and one class each of 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades.

Cheryl asked if Camy would please post her report on the website for parents of ALL age groups to see so that they can know what great things are going on at BA-CFA. Kimberly Best will post it under the "News" section of the website.

Director report: Barbara Grimm

We now have one-to-one computers (Chromebooks – 200): one computer for each student. This will help tremendously during testing.

We did have to purchase additional equipment such as headphones, mice and a one-time site license costing \$30/student that we were not expecting to have to purchase, but the money was there to do so thanks to the Team CFA grant.

MAPS testing will begin this week.

Mrs. Grimm will be attending the Transylvania Vision class in 2014/2015, and will also be a member of Pisgah Forest Rotary. This will help her get to know the county and its leaders.

There is now a Data Team in place to track achievement. Our mantra is "No mountain high enough." Our goal is 100% growth, which is an aggressive goal, but we are reaching high. We are also striving for 85% proficiency.

We had a great time doing the ALS challenge – and Coach Galloway has reached out to the other Transylvania County schools (BMS and Rosman) and nominated them to take the challenge as well.

We will be having CK Friday Collaboration days with our specials classes – Art/Dance/Music will be working with the core teachers to beef up the connection to the CK curriculum in the arts areas.

We have approximately 10% of our student population in the Exceptional Child program. Our EC teachers are meeting with parents and following IEPs for these students.

Mrs. Grimm hopes to start an online school wide newsletter hopefully in September.

Barbara and some colleagues will be putting on a Professional Develop session on writing – This will be offered to other Team CFA schools as well as the traditional Transylvania County schools. This session will take place on October 11th. Continuing Education credits will be available. Cheryl suggested that Cathy Kinter at Thomas Jefferson gets this information as well.

Barbara suggested that the Board review the sick-day/vacation day policy: she recommended that the Board pay teachers for any leftover days (of their total 9) that they did not use within a school year. The thinking being that the teachers' valuable teaching time cannot be replaced by a substitute.

Motion: A motion was made by Frank to approve any unused vacation/personal time within a given school year be paid out to teachers. Nick seconded. Discussion ensued.

Motion: A motion was made by Stewart to table the discussion of changing the current vacation/personal time until further research and costs can be obtained. Nick seconded. Unanimous vote -- **Motion carried.**

Barbara said she loves it here at BA-CFA – She said she has never worked with such a smart, caring, and intuitive group of people.

Team CFA report: Cheryl Reinstadler

There will be a Team CFA dinner on September 11th in Asheville – please respond to Jill's invitation for a headcount.

Team CFA is going through some re-organization – Joseph Maimone is more full-time with Team CFA now, and he is pulling together best practices to be shared among the network schools. The Technology group is also working to gather videos to add to the work that Kristin Rodriguez did on getting all of those amazing websites that support the topics taught in the various Core Knowledge sequence. Cathy Kinter from Thomas Jefferson is also working part-time with Team CFA.

We should make all Board policies, school policies, etc. available on each school's website.

The Around the Network publication will come out the end of each month now instead of mid-month.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee: Zia

- Zia to forward Krystal's email about the budget reports to Nick and Barbara.
- Now that minutes approved, Zia will go to UCB and close the Brevard Academy Fundraising checking account at UCB.

Fund Development & Public Outreach

- None

Long Range Planning and Visioning: Zia

- Copies of the edited 5 Year Strategic Plan were handed out. All edits need to be turned in to Zia by Wednesday, September 3rd.

Personnel: Zia

- None

Board Development, Policies and Procedures: Stewart

- None

Facilities

- Information regarding the acquisition of real estate to be discussed in Closed Session.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Next Meeting:

September 15, 6:30 in the conference room of the Brevard Academy CFA campus.

Short Break

Closed Session:

Motion: Stewart 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 7:41 p.m.

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

Motion carried. Time: 9:11 p.m. **No action was taken.**

Motion: Nick made a motion to approve the minutes of the Closed Session. Cheryl seconded. Unanimous vote - **Motion carried.**

Adjourn:

Motion: Zia made a motion to adjourn. Frank seconded. Vote was unanimous. **Motion carried.**