

The College Preparatory & Leadership Academy
Board of Directors
April 11, 2020
Via Teleconference (details published on website)

Members Present: K. Grier, T. Turner, E. Varnado, M. Johnson, T. Johnson, M. Brandon, L. McRae

Members Absent: None

Public Comments: None

MINUTES

- Minutes from the 3/21/2020 meeting and the 3/26/2020 called meeting reviewed. M. Brandon moved, B. Varnado seconded. Approved.

SCHOOL LEADER REPORT:

- As of now, school is still scheduled to return to campus in mid-May pending further updates from the Governor's office.
- Dr. Johnson reviewed the "Critical Factors for Effective Remote Learning" issued by NCDPI. She reported that the school is meeting these factors.
- Student participation is consistently in the 90% range during this time for remote learning. We have no students who are disconnected or not engaged at all, which is excellent.
- Dr. Johnson discussed the perils of potentially 5 months of no in-class schooling (Apr – Aug) if school is not allowed to re-open this school year. This possibility is all the more reason to do our very best to continue to keep children learning during the COVID-19 quarantine.
- Dr. Johnson mentioned that our school counselors and behavioral specialists are still having sessions with scholars via teletherapy and teleconference to help students with emotional challenges and trauma responses. Anecdotally, of the students who struggled in the school environment are thriving at home.
- Dr. Johnson has a virtual meeting with parents of high school seniors this week. NCDPI has mandated that seniors who were passing their classes in March 13 should receive passing grades, although they should continue learning through the end of the school year. Our focus is to begin helping our seniors with transitioning to the next chapter in their lives. Our seniors who are taking classes at GTCC are still in class. Many of our seniors have already received college acceptances and scholarships. CP&LA is still committed to giving them a Senior Prom and Commencement Ceremony whenever it is possible.
- Dr. Johnson gave an update on enrollment for 2020-2021. We have over 96% of our students returning. All high school students but one are returning. Most 8th graders are remaining with CP&LA for high school. Many of our grades are already full and have a waiting list.
- CP&LA's is partnering with the Master's Degree Residency Program with High Point University and NC A&T State University. Our teachers can go to graduate school for free. They have increased the number of positions from 4 to 5.

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- Ten teachers will attend a Mentoring Program this summer for STEM sponsored by the Congdon Foundation.
- The summer STEM program for 92 of our students at High Point University will now be virtual. They will receive “STEM In A Box”, and then the instruction will be delivered virtually. The families will receive all of the supplies for the STEM activities by mail. This program is also free to all of our students, sponsored by the Congdon Foundation.
- L. McRae moved, T. Turner seconded to accept the Superintendent’s Report. Approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- T. Johnson shared financial report, including Budget v. Actual report.
- T. Turner moved, E. Varnado seconded to accepted the Financial Report. Approved.

COVID-19 FUNDING

- CP&LA received funds for NCDPI to offset expenses related to COVID-19.
- Dr. Johnson proposed that all employees receive a home internet stipend—all employees have been required to work from home and participate in online meeting and training, as well as delivering educational services online.
- E. Varnado moved, T. Turner seconded to approve a one-time stipend to all employees for home internet service. Approved.

BOARD SUMMER RETREAT

- Scheduled for Saturday, August 1. May need to be held virtually.

ADJOURNMENT

- T. Turner moved, E. Varnado seconded to adjourn. Approved at 11AM.