

Meeting Notes  
Tuesday, October 18  
6:45 PM

I. Call to Order: 6:51 PM

II. Roll Call (A=Absent, P=Present, E=Excused)

Zach Berman =P  
Nana Boone =P  
Grant Coleman =P  
Marie Davis =Phone  
Harold Givens =Phone  
Curt Johnston =P  
Cornell Longino =P  
Rachel Sprecher =P  
Stephani Wilford =P

III. Approval of Minutes

**Motion:** Curt Johnston

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Zach Bermann

**Result:** Unanimous

IV. Approval of Agenda

Changes to agenda: Add vote of approval of SAC candidates and website management discussion

**Motion:** Rachel Sprecher

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Curt Johnston

**Result:** Unanimous

V. Public Comments

- a. Stacey Kelly: Concerns about uniforms being purchased from Uniform Source and children being in non-compliance of the policy in the event they are out of them.

Praise for Mrs. Schrock in how she handles dismissal but wondered if there is a way to call students by their carpool number? Mrs. Schrock will take the feedback back and will take it into consideration.

Ms. Kelly also had a question about breakfast options and what is offered. Mrs. Schrock will take the feedback back and will address the concern.

Ms. Kelly also had a concern about carpool traffic and parking lot congestion and wondered if there is a possibility for someone to help with flow. Expressed concern that there is a lack of volunteers/teachers to manage the process.

- b. April Turner: Echoed Ms. Kelly's concerns about carpool process and traffic flow
- c. Dr. U.S. Davidson, Director of Alternative Education for Cobb County Schools was in attendance tonight.

## VI. Reports

- a. School Advisory Council (SAC)—Still addressing feedback from the survey such as field trips and tutoring. Additionally, they are working on Parent/Teacher communication and are partnering more with the PTA and thinking of creative solutions such as including reminders about Sycamore in newsletters, etc. SAC has handed off volunteer opportunities to PTA and they will be working on coming up with more volunteer opportunities off site.
- b. School Operations—IAS had a visit from the district on IB program implementation and received great compliments. Mrs. Schrock also gave an update on the before and afterschool program and its offerings such as enrichment like yoga, sign language, newspaper, book club, and more which is producing wonderful results for kids. Mrs. Schrock gave an update on the before and after school program funding which is a revenue generator. The total profit to date is \$20,283. Toni Lewis has done a tremendous job in creatively spending less on snacks which impacts more reimbursement coming back to the school. Mrs. Schrock also gave an update on the school nutrition which after switching to a new vendor, there is a \$21,927 profit from nutrition sales. Mrs. Schrock also gave an update on the next early release/professional learning day which is 10/31/16. Mrs. Schrock gave an update on a request from CCSD for charter schools to give an update on charter school progress to the Board of Education—it will mostly include data. Mrs. Schrock updates the board that the district gave feedback on the charter petition renewal—most of it was around finance and facilities section and IAS is working with CCSD on getting a version that will be approved—expected to be submitted 10/31/16. The annual report is due 11/1/16 and the accreditation progress report is due 5/1/17.

Enrollment is 1036, down 2 students from October. Professional Learning is focused on data driven decision making and teacher ownership. Faculty meetings are now work sessions. Long-term subs in place for expecting teachers.

Mrs. Schrock gave a response to the Board about a Uniform Compliance check that occurred on 10/18/16. Approximately 184 students (18%) were not in compliance and the check brought to light the need to educate all stakeholders about the uniform requirements. Mrs. Schrock would like the board's help in sending out a reminder/communication about the uniform policy that coincides with the uniform sale.

VII. Board Committees

- i. Governance—Nana will develop communication to go to parents about uniform compliance. Nana is scheduling two bylaws review session about bylaws—one will coincide with the next board meeting and one will be in December. As a reminder, all Board members need to get a background check.
- ii. Finance—Stephani reported that the taxes have been paid and she is organizing a committee that will meet monthly.
- iii. Development—Had a discussion about scaling back some of the proposed ideas originally laid out in the development plan—focusing on enhancing the gala, the thermometer competition, the annual campaign, and the work with Wes Wicker.
- iv. Academic Excellence—Marie is finalizing draft of key initiatives and indicators to measure progress and working on scheduling a meeting.

VIII. Discussion/Action Items

- a. FY16 Audit Review—Stephani reported that the audit was clean.
- b. SAC Vote—Approval needed for SAC candidates
  - i. Moved to accept the nominations: Curt Johnston and seconded by Nana Boone. Vote: Unanimous

Cornell made a motion to move the following agenda items to a future meeting:

Website Management

Motion: Stephani

2<sup>nd</sup>: Curt Johnston

Vote: Unanimous

IX. Board Member Comments

None

X. Adjourn to Executive Session: There was no need to adjourn to Executive Session

XI. Adjourn: 8:38pm

Submitted by Rachel Sprecher, Secretary