

Community Leaders Advocating Students Success (C.L.A.S.S.) ---d.b.a. Fannie C. Williams

Minutes of the Meeting held on August 18, 2022

Board members present: Mrs. Roubion, Mr. Stelly, Ms. Dupree, Dr. Love, Mr. Edwards, Ms. London, and Ms. Cager. Absent-Mrs. Minor

Other guests: Mrs. Kelly Batiste (CEO), Mrs. Brenda Watson and Mrs. Gretchen Johnson

Meeting called to order at 6:36 p.m. by Mr. Stelly

Public comments regarding the agenda were called for by The Chair. Hearing none; a motion was called for by The Chair to adopt the agenda. The motion was made by Mrs. Roubion and seconded by Dr. Love. Motion carried unanimously.

Next public comments were called for regarding the adoption of the minutes of the last board meeting. Hearing none, Mr. Stelly called for a motion to adopt the prior meeting's minutes. The motion was made by Mrs. Roubion and seconded by Ms. London. Motion carried unanimously.

Next the CEO gave her report with the following being noted:

- Ms. Batiste informed the board that at the end of 2 weeks of school, everything was as good as we could manage being down 4 SPED teachers. The school has a severe staffing crisis. Mrs. Batiste asked if the board members knew of any SPED teachers that may want to join the Fannie Family. She indicated that the school has had an influx of new SPED students enrolled in the midst of the mass exit of teachers.
- The school's 1st Parent Engagement activity will be August 31st to discuss engagement policy for parents as well as issue take home technology to 4th-8th grade students.
- Mrs. Batiste reported that currently we have 28 regular education teachers and 2 SPED teachers and she is continuously looking and calling to get people to join. Mr. Stelly asked if the class sizes are being impacted by the low staffing numbers? Mrs. Batiste responded, no, the 3rd grade classes are at 28 each section and all others are below.
- Mrs. Roubion asked, what are the SPED teacher needs? Self-contained, mild/moderate, Autism? Mrs. Batiste indicated that the school has enough students for 2 self-contained classes (1 lower elementary and 1 middle school) and 3 inclusion teachers (ages 4-15) general type setting. Mr. Stelly asked, what is the salary? Mrs. Batiste-new teacher with 0 years of experience is about \$43,000. Mrs. Roubion, are you looking for certified teachers? Mrs. Batiste, someone with a sound mind and able body.

Next, Ms. Watson gave her Business Manager's report with the following being noted:

- Financial state as of June 30, 2022-Net Revenue 1,040,309.78. We have a healthy bottom line with ESSA funds left, we moved funds for a few teachers, social worker and counselor.
- The target for enrollment for 202-2023 is 445. As per Ms. Lewis we are at 465 with 30 PK that we are not being paid for in our MFP count. With enrollment still going on we should get the 10 students needed to hit our mark. The projected should be a little higher per student using July numbers (\$500) as per MFP.
- As per Mrs. Watson, she is already thinking 2023-2024 and 2024-2025. Once ESSA grant monies are gone the funds would have to be moved back to general. Therefore, Transportation would be at 0. One million dollars was budgeted for transportation for the next 2 years (approximately \$600-\$650 thousand a year). Materials and Supplies 0.
- Using ESSA dollars, we're trying to reserve as much as possible.
- Fund balance \$4,735,779
- Mr. Stelly asked if we're looking to approve a budget of 8.1 million? Mrs. Watson-yes.

Mr. Stelly called for a motion to adopt the budget. The motion was made by Mr. Edwards and seconded by Mrs. Roubion. Discussion-none, all in favor, no opposition, Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Batiste asked that the 2 new board members introduce Themselves-Maxine Cager and Gwendolyn Dupree.

Ms. Batiste then informed the board that the next meeting would be (tentatively) 10/20/2022.

Public comments were called for by The Chair. Hearing none, The Chair called for a motion to adjourn. Ms. London made the motion seconded by Mrs. Roubion. A vote was then called for and the motion carried unanimously.