BONNIE CONE SCHOOLS

Board Meeting MINUTES

Bonnie Cone Schools Board Meeting Agenda

16105 Poplar Tent Road Huntersville, NC 28078

BCLA Upper School 12-17-2024 at 5:30 p.m.

Board of Directors' Access:

Video call link: https://meet.google.com/wsj-ybme-ydc

Or dial: (US) +1 224-900-6823 PIN: 768 395 576#

I. **Call to Order** at 5:30pm by Chairman, Marty McCarthy

II. **Pledge of Allegiance IMAGE**

III. **Reading of the Mission Statement** Director William Mills, III Esq: Our mission is to equip students with the tools of learning to think critically, reason effectively, and communicate persuasively through the rigors of a classical education

IV. **Roll Call** *(Secretary perform roll call)*

Board Member	Title	Term Expires	Attendance
Marty McCarthy	Chair	May 2025	Present
Brian Puckett	Vice Chair/Treasurer	May 2025	Present
Stephanie Newbrough	Secretary	May 2025	Present
William Mills, III Esq	Director	May 2025	Present
Judy Russo	Director	May 2025	Present

V. **Approval of the agenda Motion** to approve the Agenda made by Vice Chairman/Treasurer Brian Puckett. Seconded by Director William Mills, III Esq. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

VI. Public Comment: No public comments made

VII. Management Reports

Charter One

1. **Campus Update**

   Jaime Davis, VP PreK-12 Operations

   BCCA current enrollment stands at 646 students. Jaime shared she spoke with Director Pamela Franklin and she will be opening up some grade level waitlists soon to increase current enrollment.

   Total enrollment for BCLA is set at 1,238 students.

   Jaime shared additional updates with the Board of Directors :

   - Holiday Break for all Bonnie Cone Schools: December 21, 2024 - January 8, 2025
   - Professional Development scheduled for January 6th and 7th–Focus on PLC Data Analysis of most recent academic benchmark assessments, new Securely platform
   - All Directors are registered and have finalized travel to Tempe, AZ for Great Hearts National Symposium–Feb. 18-21.

2. **Great Hearts Update**

   Amaris Lewis, Chief Academic Officer

   Meeting with Great Hearts, Wednesday, December 18, 2024 to discuss the Latin curriculum map, where it is currently and how to best move forward in 2025/2026 for K-6 and 7-12 based on the knowledge they have to make recommendations for classical education in this area.

3. **Director's Updates**

   a) **Director - BCCA, Pamela Franklin**
   Reported: Winter Showcase for EC students was a success; over 15 parents came out to support our EC Skills scholars. We completed all of our Star Benchmark Testing; We are completing our NC Check-Ins in January. All "Prep" rallies for testing were successful! Collaboration with BCLA Upper to brought over our 6th grade scholars to tour the upper-campus. Our "Wall of Honor" is now up, and 48 RAISE winners are displayed. We raised $2500 dollars in our popcorn fundraiser. All proceeds will go towards our music department.

   b) **Director - BCLA Lower School, Natalie Legra**
   reported the lower school has completed STAR testing and NC Check-ins and announcements.

   c) **Director - BCLA Upper School, Ramon Richardson**
   Updated the Board on events and announcements. After the quarterly check-in data reported 85% of Administrative leaders felt communications and morale for the end of 1st semester is high. Working on math scores in grades 7 and 8 as they enter next semester to close any gaps.

   Discussion by the Board ensued about using funds allocated toward teacher excellence and cultural excellence awards for best teacher, most improved teacher and the teacher that inculcates the R.A.I.S.E. values most effectively in teaching and building a R.A.I.S.E. community at the end of 2025 school year.

   A **Motion** was made by Brian Puckett, and seconded

by William Mills lll Esq. and unanimously voted to pursue a reward program based on potential line item funds.

Culture and Advancement Report

Kyle King, Dir of School Culture & Student Advancement

Monthly Report

2,088 Total Student and Teacher Service hours recorded to date. The Culture Spotlight: BCS Influencer Award Presentation in December prior to the holiday break. Collaboration with Ramon and Natalie has been very good across grade levels.

VIII. Financial Update - Charter One

Michael Dixon, Director of Finance

a) Financial Report

b) BCCA

Budget Remaining

National School Lunch Program (NSLP) estimated total reimbursement is $120,000 for the school year not budgeted revenue. Addressing items under State Revenues in January to update or amend expenditures now that there is more information to go by.

Year to Date

Balance Sheet

c) BCLA

Budget Remaining

Grants from USDA NSLP received over $32,000 in reimbursements and anticipated all together an estimate of $158,000 in reimbursements to be received.

Year to Date

Balance Sheet

X. School House Development Update

Jim Way, School House Development

A standard of Occupancy placard has been installed on both campuses. North entrance improvements are nearing completion by the first of the year. Working on fence quotes budgeted State grant money to fund this project.

Update on plumbing the leak was caused by a failed pressure regulating valve. Kyle King was instrumental in hiring an outside plumber to fix the issue. Jim asked for Kyle to coordinate the communication to verify the cause. Jim does not believe demolition will be necessary in order to fix the issue.

XI. Closed session Pursuant to § 143-318.11 Closed Sessions.

7:05pm Motion into Closed Session by William Mills lll, Esq. Seconded by Brian Puckett, there was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

7:48pm Motion to come out of Closed Session was made by William Mills, lll Esq. Seconded by Brian Puckett. Discussion to consider a proposal made by the Board. The motion passed unanimously.

XII. Approval of the Consent Agenda: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda, William Mills, lll Esq. Director.

Chairman, Marty McCarthy requested that New Hire Resumes be shared with the Board prior to the meeting to review. **Seconded by Brian Puckett, Vice Chairman & Treasurer and passed unanimously.**

Meeting Minutes from November 19, 2024

A. New Hires:

BCCA

Velegar Curry, Leadership Teacher & Lunch Aide

BCLA

Krystal Lizardo, Health Aide K-6

XII. Discussion/New Business/Action Items

A. Approval of AY 25/26 Academic Calendar - Revised

Motion to approve the AY 25/26 Academic Calendar made by Brian Puckett, and seconded by William Mills III Esq. *Discussion to present the AY 26/27 Academic Calendar to be added to the agenda in January*. The vote was unanimously passed.

B. Board of Directors Calendar Meeting Schedule

Discussion by the Board to add to this Calendar to January's agenda and approve at that time.

Note from the Board: Change the time of January's meeting on the website to 4:45pm.

C. Approval of The School Improvement Plan

Motion to approve the School Improvement plan by Brian Puckett. Seconded by Stephanie Newbrough, Secretary. The vote was unanimously passed.

BCLA Upper School

BCLA Lower School

Question from Brian Puckett on the status of Creovia, The topic will be tabled until January's meeting to discuss.

IX. Announcements

A. The next regular scheduled Board meeting is **January 21, 2025 to meet at 4:45pm** in consideration of making this a new meeting time going forward.

X. Adjournment

A **Motion** to adjourn the meeting was made by William Mills III

Esq. Seconded by Brian Puckett and the motion was passed Unanimously at 8:00pm.