



**MAEF Public Charter Schools
dba ACCEL Day and Evening Academy
Meeting of the Board of Directors**

Tuesday, March 24, 2020
8:30 AM

MINUTES

Members present in office: Jordan Jones and Richard Perry

Members present by phone: Lance Covan, Charlotte Greene, Rob McGinley, Henry O' Connor, Mark Spivey and Sarah Stashak

Members absent: Ernest Gwinn and Bernadette Burroughs

Staff present in office: Nathan Adams, Jeremiah Newell, Amy Owens, Michelle Parson and Janice Rivers

Staff present by phone: Cherish Franklin, Michael Miller and Chandra Scott

Guest present: Nash Campbell

Board Chair, Rob McGinley

- Called the meeting to order at 8:32am

Approval of Minutes

ACTION ITEM #1- Rob McGinley asked for a motion tom approve the January 28, 2020 BOD minutes.

Charlotte Greene made the motion; Richard Perry seconded the motion. Nash Campbell did a roll call vote and it was unanimously approved.

Mission Moment: Continue to focus on our mission. Hope to have our kids doing online learning and able to get back into school soon. This can be an opportunity for our board to engage directly with the needs of the school. Put together community forces to help students get what they need. Online learning can be difficult for some kids; board to look for ways to help improve that.

ACTION ITEM #2- Rob McGinley asked for a motion to approve the Resolution for Emergency Suspension of Policy. This resolution temporarily suspends the bid-law and will expire at end of the Governors proclamation. This Resolution also prevents violation of policies/practices during emergency school closure.

- Mark Spivey made the motion; Lance Covan seconded the motion. Nash Campbell did a roll call vote and it was unanimously approved. Henry O'Connor did not vote.

School Leaders Report, Jeremiah Newell

COVID-19 Updates

- **State Report Card**
 - No state Report Card for 2020
 - No state testing for the remainder of the year
 - No failing schools' list this year

- **ACCEL Day and Evening Academy 2020 Commencement**
 - Commencement is scheduled for May 19th at the Saenger Theater.
 - The decision to hold a graduation event will be up to the local school district and subject to the permission of the Alabama State Health Officer.
 - Decision on the Commencement will need to be made by mid to late April 2020.

- **School Closure/Reopen Options**
 - Jeremiah discussed the different with the board

- **Next Step**
 - State Superintendent to provide and update to Superintendent on Wednesday, March 25th at 2:30pm.

SchoolWorks Site visit (April 22-23)

- The SchoolWorks Site Visit is a process that educators can use to understand and explain how well schools are working to educate students. More focused on school operation, culture/climate of school, how teachers are supported. Looking for trends in data and provide feedback to school both oral and written to be shared also with Charter Commission. The confirmed date is pending COVID-19 decision. Dr. Miller is leading in pulling documents for pre-visit review.

Climate/Culture- Attendance and Discipline, Nathan Adams

- Trends over three Academic Years
- Discussed monthly attendance. Small decline in attendance. Had to strengthen policies with reaching out to students. Staying within 90% range thanks to the Culture team. Thanks to BOD for providing incentives for kids.
- Discussed Monthly out of School Suspensions. Will provide equity lens of data in April.

Teaching and Learning, Amy Owens

- NWEA Screener- A shortened version of the nationally normed MAP assessment we gave in September and December.
- Purpose of this assessment is to determine progress for students currently enrolled in a Math or English Class. This date does not reflect schoolwide progress for the year.

State Compliance Monitoring & School Improvement Initiatives, Michael Miller

- ACT monitoring took place on March 10, 2020. ACCEL Day and Evening Academy had “No” findings during the monitoring.
- WIOA Paid Internships
- State Compliance Monitoring Dates scheduled for May 25-27, 2020. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, monitoring activities have been postponed until further notice. As such, the due dates below are indicated as to be determined (TBD).
- Alabama Comprehensive Improvement Plan-will be the “living document” during the collection of evidence for monitoring. We will share our ongoing continuous plan for improvement.

Financial Report: Michelle Parson

- Michelle Parson reviewed the January 2020 financials with the board and answered questions.

Academic Excellence/ Middle School Expansion, Jeremiah Newell

- Performance Measures
 - Partnering with *A Game*, to develop nationally normed metrics for our school’s performance.
 - Once measures are finalized and approved by ACCEL BOD, they will be presented to charter commission.
 - Going forward, these measures would be utilized for authorizing and renewal discussions.
- Hiring
 - ACCEL has revamped its hiring website.
 - Planning educator tour and “lunch and learn” format for educators.
 - Developing social media ads for teacher recruitment.
- Intent to Stay and Renewal
 - Conducting 4th quarter staff evaluations
- Middle school Expansion
 - Negotiating terms with landlord of Virginia College
 - Developing plans to meet our needs, paid for by landlord
 - Next steps

Marketing/Communications

- March and April Lunch & Learns have been cancelled due to COVID-19; Fund development also on hold. JJPR and Rob Lehigh, Chandra Scott and Jeremiah Newell worked on content and interviews for video that will result in 2-minute videos. Will use videos on Social media over the next month to promote ACCEL.

Rob McGinley thanked the ACCEL staff and board members for the great leadership and teamwork at ACCEL.

Rob McGinley adjourned the meeting at Adjourn: 10:20am.

Respectfully submitted by,



Charlotte Greene
ACCEL Board Secretary



Janice Rivers
MAEF PCS Staff