

BREVARD ACADEMY

Board of Directors Regular Meeting

March 2, 2009

5:30 p.m.

Searcy Hall, Brevard Academy Campus, Brevard, NC

Chair: Joe Castro, present

Secretary: Sara Freeman, present

Members present: Joan Barham, Joe Castro, Pat Clow, Ray Fisher, Sara Freeman, Zia McConnell, Seyl Park, Frank Prince, Melissa Stewart.

Administration present: Dr. Jan Welsh, Laura Williams

The regular meeting of the Brevard Academy Board of Directors was called to order by Joe Castro at 5:43 p.m. A quorum was present.

Motion: A motion was made by Sara Freeman to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion: A motion was made by Ray Fisher to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2009 meeting. Motion carried.

Chairman's Remarks:

None

Public Comment:

None

Principal's Report:

- Dr. Welsh is conducting meetings with parents/guardians of students who have missed five or more days of school this school year. These meetings are to stress the importance of attendance and raise awareness that students with ten or more absences will have to make up time.
- New state of North Carolina initiative (ACRE) will be a revision of the standard course of study. This will impact our rising ninth graders.
- Outdoor Education opportunities initiated by teachers (see handout)
- Kindergarten registration flyers will be distributed by Joan Barham and Sara Freeman to area preschools and daycares.

- March 17th, Cielito Lindo will donate 10% of designated profits to Brevard Academy.
- Food For Thought fundraiser will be held April 18th at Duck Pond Pottery.
- Rivers Smith represented Brevard Academy at a recruiting fair for graduating teachers. Many graduates expressed interest in the Academy because of our website.
- The Academy and Summit Charter School are discussing opportunities to share teaching positions.

Committee Reports:

Finance and Fund Development Committee:

- (See attached report)
- Laura Williams notified the Board that State Planning Allotment for FY 2009-2010 may change from the current year allotment.
- The Academy will get an additional thirty thousand dollars in school improvement money. Laura Williams will check with the grant writer on the limitations of the grant. Priorities for improvement funds include purchasing a Middle school math curriculum and the rest of the Imagine It! Curriculum.
- Brevard Academy will not be affected by the cut in Lottery funds. Charter schools do not receive this funding.
- Currently, charter schools will not receive **federal stabilization money from the stimulus package** because Governor Perdue has not allocated additional funds for charters. Joe Castro encouraged the Academy to join with other charter schools to advocate for funding.
- Fundraiser 5K race is scheduled for May 9th at 9:00 a.m. There is a link on the Academy's website to the race registration form. Registration flyers will also be available at area businesses. Students will design the race logo. Volunteers will be needed to conduct the race. Jeff Sipe has offered to provide entertainment after the race.

Motion: Pat Clow moved to accept the financial audit report submitted by Bj Keel. Motion carried.

Personnel and Curriculum Review Committee:

Laura Williams reported that unemployment was filed by a former substitute. The Academy has to pay unemployment tax on all employees, including substitutes; however, **Brevard Academy is not charged for unemployment that may be drawn by substitutes.**

Motion: Joan Barham moved to approve Chad Campbell as a substitute teacher for Katie Campbell. Motion carried.

Principal Search Committee:

The Principal Search Committee met last week to screen applications. About two-thirds of the applicants made it through the Committee's initial screening. All remaining applicants were contacted to see if they were still interested in the position. Next week, the Committee will meet to check the references of the applicants.

Public Relations and Outreach Committee:

Recently, three articles about the Academy appeared in the Transylvania Times.

Old Business:

Playground update:

- Zia McConnell reported that the Music Center approved the aesthetic of the Bean Stalk playgrounds for the campus. Playground will have to be located in same place as current play area.
- Cost of playground and curriculum could be around sixty-five thousand dollars. Three recommendations for raising these funds: 1.) Hire grant writer that has worked with Bean Stalk on other projects 2.) Academy parents, with grant writing experience, could pursue funding 3.) Conduct fundraising campaign specifically for playground.
- Melissa Stewart will take over playground investigation.

New Business:

Motion: Pat Clow moved to go into closed session to consider privileged information. Motion carried. Session closed session at 7:17 p.m.

Motion: Ray Fisher moved to come out of closed session. Motion carried. Session opened at 8:41 p.m.

Motion: Pat Clow moved to approve the reorganization and reduction in force as presented by Dr. Welsh. Motion carried with 4 in favor, 3 opposed, and 2 abstentions.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Brevard Academy Board of Directors will be held on Monday, April 6, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at Searcy Hall, Brevard Academy.

Motion: Seyl Park moved to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.