

Children's Village Academy  
Board of Directors Meeting  
February 6, 2021  
*Minutes*

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Roy Lanier at 6:07pm. Board members in attendance included Roy Lanier, James Harper, Annette Lewis, and Peggy Carr. Also in attendance was Jessica Jones, Principal, and Gloria Carr-Battle, Academic Principal. Motion to accept December 2020 meetings made by Carr and seconded by Harper; motion passed.

December budget was reviewed and discussed. Motion to accept made by Harper, and seconded by Lewis; motion passed.

Note: January meeting was deferred in January due to the holidays and lack of activity during the holiday break. Board members communicated via email and text regarding minor issues.

Report of enrollment was made by Principal Jones. There was an increase from 164 to 171. She also reported that 74% of students were receiving in-school instruction. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades are the largest and are being instructed in a split A/B format to support social distancing due to the risk of COVID spread. There have been two reported cases at CVA since December— kindergarten students were asked to stay home for a few days because the Teacher brought her son to school, who was later found to be positive. There was also one 1<sup>st</sup> grader who was found to be positive, resulting in remote learning for a few days for that class, but no other students contracted the virus.

Intervention is taking place at least one hour a day. The strategy is well underway at the middle school with Ms. Olds providing oversight and some math remediation. Ms. Pigford is keeping records and also providing math remediation. The remediation and tracking system is being implemented by Locklear and Grant on the elementary school side, but the quality and effectiveness of the effort is not yet up to par.

Principal Jones also reported on the NC-Check 2<sup>nd</sup> benchmark results. There were some improvements in math at grades 3, 4, 5, 7, and 8 but not nearly enough—nothing reaching 50% to proficiency. Reading was better with grades greater than 50% proficiency, 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. However reading scores dropped at grades 3, 6, and 8. The Board requested that Principal Jones review the scores more closely to determine why there were such large drops; perhaps it was due to remote learning and testing. Jones will forward the results to the board before the next meeting. Science results were encouraging with 42% at grade 5 and 93% at grade 8.

Saturday Academy has included a new competitive structure, much like the well-known It's Academic TV series. Students had fun and enjoyed it.

There was a rich and engaging discussion around School Pride and how to promote more of it at CVA. Ideas centered around uniforms, school colors, t-shirts, and the need for a Day of Recognition. Incentives were discussed and encouraged as part of the strategy to foster more school pride. Suggestions were made for making extra uniforms available and stocking a food pantry. Principal Jones will pursue. Carr motioned to table discussion and return, Lewis seconded it, motion passed.

School is now one device per student. Need to update the tablets to chromebooks for kindergarten, and parents need to replace damaged devices, as requested.

Other business included maintenance staff requesting payment of gas for using personal vehicle for school use and encouraging the school to purchase a new pick-up truck and maintenance shed. Board directed Robert Wilson to finalize the selection and purchase of the truck and to revise the \$17K shed to protect maintenance staff as they work on buses.

FEMA paid CVA a visit to review projects. Gazebo, 811 classroom, large white door, damaged tiles and other major items were repaired and viewed by FEMA representative. The Shed, however, has not been completed due to COVID, although most of the wood and materials have been purchased and stored ready to complete project.

Dr. Troublefield, a retiring CVA employee was discussed as a possible new Board member. Although her credentials were well-received, a motion by Carr was made to table the discussion until she was officially no longer an employee and thus eligible for consideration. Lewis seconded the motion; it passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.