

Children's Village Academy Board of Director's Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2021

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Chairman Roy Lanier. Present were members Peggy Carr and James Harper. Annette Lewis asked to be excused. Also present was Principal Jones, Academic Principal Carr-Battle, and Rhonda Olds, the curriculum and testing coordinator.

Carr moved to accept March Board meeting minutes, Harper seconded, motion passed.

Budget review and approval was postponed until Carr reviewed on behalf of the board and reported back. Melba Lovick, finance officer, was not able to join.

Jones gave school report concerning state requirement that grades K-5 reopen under Plan A while middle schools must remain under Plan B. Social distancing guidelines, consistent with CDC, now recommends that younger students can be 3-feet apart, which is good news, but means that CVA bus transport must still adhere to 1 child per seat unless children are from the same household.

Olds reported on academic progress of tracking targeted students. Benchmarks 1 and 2 were demonstrating promising increase and still lots of room for improvement. Olds was asked to come back to the board with a deeper analysis of the tracking data, especially math for the targeted students.

Jones provided additional information about the enrollment at 173 students with 73% on-site learning. No COVID cases since last meeting, and 50% of teachers have been vaccinated. Rich discussion on school's goal to hire a school nurse to conduct weekly testing of students and staff under the iCARES grant. The decision was highly supported. Also, she noted that the pick-up truck was purchased and a shelter for the buses has been identified for purchase.

Summer programming is underway starting in early June. May 28th will be the last day of school. Teachers Francis and Kennedy will be approached about directing the pre-k through 2 grade early reading program under the iCARES grant. But much coordination will be needed because of the Reading to Achieve Program; a 3-week summer program for students who did not pass the EOG; and the regular STEM program.

Jones and Carr-Battle also reported on the Science Fair, April 1. Pictures of the impressive event were requested. Spring Break scheduled for April 2-9. Also a shining success showing school pride was the middle school boys' participation in haircuts sponsored by Jeano's Barber Shop, and Tiger Wednesday with rewards. Students wore CVA T-shirts.

Mr. Harper gave a rich and engaging presentation about a Youth Investment Club that has been sweeping the country. Everyone gave personal testimony of how they were getting involved in investment activities such as stocks or knew of successful stories of others. We reviewed pre-reading materials provided by Mr. Harper and concluded overwhelmingly that CVA should get involved. The program sponsors will be invited to attend the April 20th meeting and describe what would be involved if we started the program this summer – small, perhaps about 6 students.

Meeting called for adjournment at 7:30pm.