Preliminary Items

Call to Order by Kristen Bell at 5:01

Roll Call by Kristen

Sieger, Pamela
Finley, Craig
Finley, Ashley
Travia, Tom
Sides, Scott
Stack, Catherine
Kristen Bell
Candice Dennis
Mack, Eric
Gomersall, Katie
Long, Chad
Betsy Carpentier
Kristen (Unverified)
Annie Polvinen (Unverified)
Stephenson, Sophia
Glass, James
Aycox, Teondra
Annie Polvinen (Unverified)
Marsha Weber

Motion by Eric to Approve board Minutes from the August Board Meeting. Candice seconded. All in favor.

II. Board Chair's Report

Summary

Voting on Crisis Emergency Plan: Kristen asked for a vote. Candice was not able to look at the document. Kristen gave additional time to look. Pam explained that the reason why we needed the plan is due to a situation the school experienced to help support a student. Pam explained that the school is going to work with Youth Mental Health First Aid to become a certified crisis informed school. Eric said the plan was good and it was needed for the school but to ensure that the school takes the appropriate steps. Kristen asked

about the first 60 seconds and writing what the student stated and Pam explained all classes are recorded. Kristen moved to vote. Eric motioned and Annie seconded. All in favor.

Revocation, Suspension, Misconduct Policy: Pam explained this is the item that John wanted voted on. Betsy explained the premise behind the need based on ACT 123. Kristen asked for a vote. Candice motioned and Eric seconded. All in favor.

III. Agenda Items

Academic committee update: focus i-Ready k-8: Kristen, Annie, and Pam met to discuss the k-8 i-Ready scores. Pam shared that students in kinder and 1st grade are already showing 1 to 2 years behind in their academics. Pam stated that KRA for kinder students would be the best data to view since the students must test in person. Pam shared that there are interventions to work with the kinder and 1s grade students to support them in their early reading. The school is using UFLY to help with phonemic awareness. Pam explained that i-Ready is a good tool; however, we must look at all data including from previous SC Ready scores, i-Ready scores, last year's benchmark scores, current academic performance in order to see how students are performing. We do have 48% of students behind in reading by 2 to 3 plus years, and 36% of students behind in math by 2 to 3 plus years in k-8 grade. Pam explained by grade level and subject how students performed on their BOY: beginning of year data. Kristen would like to see the YoY: year over year BOY data to see how students are performing from last year to this year. Pam shared the biggest concern for reading is the low vocabulary by 35% who are 1 to 3 years behind. Students are also struggling in informational text in 3-8 grade and 51% of 7th grade students are 3 years behind in their reading. Pam shared that tier 1 instruction is critical to the success of the school. Pam shared Geometry is the biggest concern for students in 3-8 grade. Kristen shared she would like to see the math scores YoY to see if students who returned to the school are growing and Pam shared she would send Tracey's document. Pam shared that 78% of students at our school do return so most students are returning students at the school.

Finance committee update: through Chad Long's finance update: Overall the school is in a slight deficit by 300,000, but Chad believes it will not be for long.

IV. School Leadership Report

Alternative Education Campus Update for 6-12 Grades: Pam shared Elizabeth Nelson and Pam spent the day in-person to write the alternative education campus draft. In November Pam and Elizabeth are attending the District training. Pam shared that in December and January, the application will be forwarded to the Board for review and approval prior to

submitting on 1/27/2027. Pam shared overall the application is 90% complete. Pam shared the school is in great position to complete the draft on time.

SC Ready and EOC Preliminary Scores: Pam shared that as of now, we will have a D or below basic in middle school. Pam shared that most likely elementary and high school will receive an F or unsatisfactory in the school. The data is still embargoed and will be released to the public on 10/15. Pam explained that in high school, when students are enrolled credit deficient, and more than 50% are credit deficient, the school will receive 0/12 points in this category which is why the school will not perform well in this category.

Enrollment Update: Pam shared the updated enrollment project Tom had her complete. We have 2067 students currently at the school. 19% of students, 401 students, have an IEP. The projection will be 22% of students will be IEP. We have 78% of our students are FRL: free reduced lunch. 22 students are identified as gifted at the school based on CogAT/IOWA and PTA assessments. We have 67 students in ML. Pam stated that if we have 20 or more students in a campus in ML, they will count on our state report card. Eric asked about reengagement programs to support students who are struggling. Pam shared that the ABIP: attendance behavioral intervention plans that started to hold students accountable to learning. The school has a WINBACK plan and interventions to support students; however, when

School Improvement Plan Update: Pam shared the relationship with the state is strong and that the goal is to reach a C in each campus. We need to start with good tier 1 instruction.

Hiring Updates: Pam updated that Catherine Stack is the Interim AASP: academic administrator for special programming. Catherine's goal is to ensure we stay compliant and that the students are learning. The speech position has no applicants at this time.

Community Outreach/Back to School/Professional Development: Carolus Cares will be in Myrtle Beach to give back to the community in Horry County. Pam shared that the school had the UnBoundED professional development to improve tier 1 instruction.

Board Summit in Virginia Update: Pam shared the information to attend the Board summit was in the One Note. Candice will be unable to attend as she is getting married that weekend.

V. Public Comments

Comments from individual(s) who have completed a Request to Speak Form and

wish to make comments to the Board. Limited to three (3) minutes per person unless otherwise extended by the Board Chair.

Kristen called to vote to close the session. Candice moved. Eric seconded. All in favor.