

Sparta High Point Charter School Board Meeting

January 15, 2020

AEC Conference Center

In attendance: Andy Kaftan, Reinhard Mueller, Doug Geiwitz, Pat Olbert, Ashlea Wilms, Melissa Brooks, Stacey Weber, Becky Solberg, David Eitland, John Christy, Sonya Stone, Sara Jarvis, Randy Jarvis, Candance Robertson, Sophia Robertson, Scott Huber, Elyas Dewitt, Cristalyn Huber, Randy Pribbernow (2 others – couldn't read names on sign in)

1. Introductions. About 25% of the student body is either in the room, or represented by parents. Excellent turn out.
2. Motion to adopt minutes. Unanimous consent by Board Members.
3. Review action items from 1/9 meeting.
4. Data points from testing. We could have had 4 data points on 3 students, except the test was changed back to MAPS this year. ASPIRE is a paid test.
5. Additional information of community involvement, from 2017-2018 teacher report: two student videos, work at Sparta Library, help at History Museum.
6. Stacey looked at transportation codes. This covers bussing only; we'd need a contract update to include transportation from school to school.
7. Annual Reports that have been submitted were never approved by board.
8. Any one can contact school board members to discuss concerns.
9. We will notice through PeachJar when High Point is on the agenda of the school board.
10. Discussion of board members and membership. Anyone who would like to be considered for the High Point board in the future, please identify yourself to Andy Kaftan. We will also want to consider adding 2 positions to the board for staff; perhaps an advisor and the principal. This should be an agenda item after our response. Should also discuss updating the communication methods, perhaps establish a more standard form of contact.
11. Future topic: review by-laws and create timeline for deliverables over the course of each year. Also review the language around budgeting.
12. Additional information has been provided for our response to the letter. Reviewed these items with staff for inclusion in the response; Andy noted where each document will be included. NOTE: Part of the confusion on standards is that Forward is not aligned to career and college readiness standards. Some items were developed since the letter and will be discussed to decide whether to implement. Andy has references.
13. Andy will complete the edits to the letter and send it out. Board approves this; there are no material changes to the content, but it will take some time to put all the attachments and references together. Deadline is January 31.
14. There is some indication that the school board does not know about the details of this letter.
15. Next meeting will need to be in February. Letter response will be done; focus will be on moving forward. Approach, contract, communication, board composition, expectations of principal. We'll plan to meet on February 5, if we have a response from Dr. Van Deuren. Otherwise, February 19. 5 PM