



**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**6:05 p.m.**

*Our Mission is to Expect Excellence, Express Excitement, Extend Education, and Experience Prep.*

In Attendance: Thomas Parrish, Michael Wiggins, Ricky Parks, Kelly Shore, Chip Williams, Dewey Clark and Marcus Whitaker.

Staff In Attendance: Todd Pipkin, Tim Everett, Beverly Joyner, Ben Barnes, Tracy McBride, Tiffany Hickman, Gale Parker, Carylon Phillips, Victor Balasoto, Reinishia Gonzalez, Debbie King, Amber Brewer, Andrea Smith, Anika Harper and Latishea Faison

Marcus Whitaker, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. in Thomas Parrish's absence.

1. Chairman's Report – Marcus Whitaker

- a. Mr. Whitaker stated that minutes and approval would be delayed, as the protocol for sending consent information with Mr. Pipkin was not yet established. Voting for the previous minutes will take place at the next board meeting.

2. School Update– Todd Pipkin

- a. Mr. Pipkin discussed some of the changes taking place such as a creating a new cafeteria, transforming the high school lab into classrooms, contracting a grant writer, website development, forming community partnerships, creating security plans, forming stronger community relations, revising our mission statement, forming committee structures, implementing after school STEM program, revamping our athletic program, planning our Belmont Golf Tournament, planning an administrative retreat, working with NCWC football, visiting the NBA All Star Game, painting classrooms, and working with the RM Police Department.
- b. Mr. Whitaker expressed concern in being out of compliance with our scholars and staff piece, while our site piece is currently in compliance.
- c. Mr. Pipkin discussed hosting events and making changes to create a new environment for our school that will help our staff and scholars piece of concern become in compliance. Mr. Pipkin and Mr. Whitaker discussed plans between August 10<sup>th</sup> and August 29<sup>th</sup> for teacher planning, lesson planning preparation, and taking pride in the planning in the year to come. Mr. Barnes and Ms. Joyner discussed plans for preparation with teachers and preparing for the upcoming school year. Additionally, Ms. Joyner discussed meeting the needs of our Title 1 scholars and adding new staff in order to meet those needs.

3. Academic Committee Report – Marcus Whitaker

- a. Ms. Joyner discussed the Read to Achieve Summer Reading Camp covering scholars 1<sup>st</sup>

through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade from June 13<sup>th</sup> through July 1<sup>st</sup> which had a participation of 100 scholars. Data from the NWEA MAP testing should significant growth in most scholars. Scholars built self-confidence and prepared for the year to come.

- b. Mr. Barnes discussed the Middle School Summer Camp, which had 58 participating scholars from 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade in the same time frame as elementary school. Scholars who actively participated in the camp everyday showed significant growth in NWEA data. Mr. Wiggins saw first hand experience from his 8<sup>th</sup> grade scholar benefiting from small group instruction.
- c. Richie Mitchell is in attendance at the Sweet Tea Chat, therefore did not give his report from Summer Reading Camp.

#### 4. Financial Committee Report – Tim Everett

- a. Finances were not sent to the appropriate board members, therefore were not voted on for approval.
- b. Mr. Everett stated that the school is facing issues with increases in health insurances. Mr. Everett is exploring state benefits and several other options. In order to submit a request for state benefits, it needs to be noted that the board requests the school looking into state benefits.
- c. Mr. Clark made a motion to look into adding state benefits to our employees of Rocky Mount Prep, seconded by Mr. Wiggins and unanimously approved.

#### 5. Other Business

- a. Orientation binders were distributed for those were not in attendance of the Board Retreat that took place in June.
- b. Mr. Whitaker made a motion to move into a closed session to discuss personnel issues, seconded by Mr. Wiggins, and was unanimously approved at 7:06 p.m.
- c. Mr. Williams made a motion to move from a closed session back into a open session, seconded by Mr. Parks, and was unanimously approved at 7:52 p.m.

Ms. Shore made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Wiggins and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.