



Mission: To rally independent community support for the successful education of all Alamance County children.

Motto: "Educating Everyone Takes Everyone"

Vision: Alamance County's citizens support and are proud of our children and public school system

Alamance Citizens for Education (ACE)

Board of Directors Meeting

Amtrak Station, Burlington, NC

Minutes, August 16, 2007

Directors Present: - Joe Barbour, Chris Davis, Gerald Dillashaw, Chad Laws, Becky Loy, Barbara Massey, Terry McNeill, Barbara Sellars, Ed Woodall

Trustee – Ira Poston

Proxies – Jeff Andrews, Tina Manning, LaRosa Pinnix-Bailey

Visitor – Janice Faulkner -ABSS

Tutoring & Mentoring Coordinator – Janice Stone

Executive Director – Allison Gant

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by ACE President, Terry McNeill, at 12:05 P.M. Invocation was by Terry McNeill.

Minutes – Chris Davis moved that the minutes of the July 17, 2007 meeting be approved. Chad Laws seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Becky Loy distributed copies of the Balance Sheet as of August 16, 2007 with Total Liabilities & Equity - \$115,419.10 and the Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual from January through December, 2007 with Net Income total of \$11, 866.45. It was stated that we need to think about doing an audit at some point.

Committee/Subcommittee Reports

A. Organizational Development Committee – Chris Davis

- Amendments to Articles of Incorporation - A copy with the proposed changes was mailed to all members after the July meeting. A motion coming from the committee for adoption of the Articles of Incorporation was passed. Two thirds (2/3) of members and proxies were present for the vote.
- New Policy on Credit Card and Travel Expenses – A draft was presented to members. A motion coming from the committee for the approval was approved with an amendment to the last paragraph of the draft. The paragraph reads as follows: (amended part underlined) “If overnight accommodations are involved with the seminar, meeting or professional development education, the reimbursable cost of the room may not include charges for (i) in room movies, (ii) massages or (iii) alcohol”. The amended paragraph reads as follows:

(change underlined) “If overnight accommodations are involved with the seminar, meeting or professional development education, the non-work related incidental expenses are not reimbursed.”

- At the meeting of this committee, the committee defined its role and responsibility within ACE. Members also reviewed the responsibilities of the members of the Board of Directors and the Board of Trustees. Copies of the duties of both boards were distributed to members present. We were urged to work harder to perform those duties. Directors were paired with trustees. Directors asked to meet with trustees to discuss and define their duties as trustees. Allison will send out pairings. Suggested points for discussion will be e-mailed to directors. It was recommended that by the end of September, every trustee will have been contacted face-to-face by a director.
- The committee declined a funding proposal from BTC (Beyond the Classroom) requesting \$12,000 because there is insufficient money in the ACE budget and the proposal did not meet the program of work (i.e., programs that affect all schools).
- The committee asked members to think about people who they might wish to add to the two boards because several members have had to leave the Board of Directors and Board of Trustees recently.
- The committee discussed ways to make the ACE organization gain greater recognition within the community. Allison, a committee member, and a volunteer will be responsible for planning a branding campaign.

B. Program of Work Committee – Allison Gant

- Where are we?
 1. Community Forums – The summit will serve as a forum for the fall and it was suggested that we also hold a forum in the spring regarding the school budget.
 2. Education Summit – Invitations and posters have been ordered. Board members are asked to help on the day of the event.
 3. ACE Education Minute – Allison has asked each ABSS school to send to her the names of their Athletic Director and/or announcer. She also asked Dr. Bridges if he would discuss this program with his administrative staff.
 4. Teacher Checks-Fall, 2007 – There are approximately 90 new teachers to the system and a few teachers who did not receive checks last fall who will receive checks.
- Where are we going?
 1. Public Awareness Campaign – Elon has three projects underway to assist ACE. Allison is researching billboard space and a suggestion was made that we have car “clings” for ACE visibility.
 2. PEN Literature-“Give Kids Good Schools-October 15-18, 2007 - ACE will support the PEN effort through the summit.
 3. New Program – “Shadow a Principal for a Day” – Committee will have information by next week. ACE will host SAPFAD during “Give Kids Good School” week.
- Tutoring and Mentoring – Janice Stone – (See attached report)

C. Resource Sustainability Committee – Ed Woodall

- Fundraising – The Dillard’s fundraising event raised \$5035.00. A meeting for Stage Struck will focus on corporate sponsors. Target date for Stage Struck is April, 2008. An effort will be made not to solicit from those corporations from which we solicited for general budget purposes. Discussions are on hold for the Celebrity Dinner until a celebrity speaker is secured.
- Corporate Funding – We have received a donation from GR and an anonymous donation. Allison continues to solicit support.
- Guest and new committee member, Bob Almond, shared ideas for developing a donor’s bank of information. He also suggested that we track volunteer hours of board members to be used as statistical information in reports. Bob will also give some information for a job description for the work studies student who will be hired in the fall. ACE will ask Elon for support to prepare a media kit to be used when soliciting funding.

Superintendent’s Remarks – Jenny Faulkner reported for Dr. Bridges who could not attend the meeting. She reported that the system is still hiring new teachers. The Administrative Team Conference was held recently. All principals and assistant principals are in place. She also reported that the new Highland Elementary School is ready.

Executive Director’s Report - Allison Gant

- Allison reported that she will meet with Terry and they will try to make sure that ACE is going in the right direction with the school system.
- She also reported that she has received speaking engagements.

New Business - President McNeill received a request from Dr. Leo Lambert that Debra Long from Elon replace him on the Board of Trustees. However, members would like to have Dr. Lambert remain connected with ACE and have Debra Long become a member of the Board of Directors. Terry will talk with Dr. Lambert about remaining connected with ACE. It was then moved by Chris Davis that we ask Debra Long to become a member of the Board of Directors. Joe Barbour seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Please make note of future meeting dates listed at bottom of agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 P.M.

Minutes by:

Barbara L. Sellars, Secretary