



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, July 17, 2007

Directors Present: - Jeff Andrews, Chris Davis, Becky Loy, Tina Manning, Barbara Massey, Terry McNeill, LaRosa Pinnix-Bailey, Barbara Sellars, Ed Woodall

Trustee – Ira Poston

Proxies – Kate Crawford, Jeff Ellington, Brenda Foster, Chad Laws, Angela Thompson-Clark

Non-voting Ex Officio Member – Dr. Randy Bridges, Superintendent-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 Chris Davis.

Minutes – Chris Davis moved that the minutes of the June, 2007 meeting be approved with three (3) corrections. Ed Woodall seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Becky Loy distributed copies of the Balance Sheet as of July 17, 2007 with Total Liabilities & Equity - \$72, 436.10 and the Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual with Net Income – -\$29,609.88. Concerns about the negative amount were raised; however, we expect to receive several large donations and receipts from the Dillard's fundraiser. Future treasurer's reports will include a report of activities for each month.

Committee/Subcommittee Reports

A. Organizational Development Committee – Jeff Andrews

- Amendments to Articles of Incorporation - Jeff reported that we need to make some changes to our Articles of Incorporation. A copy with the proposed changes will be mailed to all members and we will vote on those amendments at our August, 2007 meeting. We need a total of two thirds (2/3) of members present and proxies in order to vote on the amendments.
- New Policy on Credit Card and Travel Expenses – A policy will be drafted and we will vote on it at our August, 2007 meeting.
- There is a fee for direct deposit and the committee recommended that we not pursue direct deposit at this time.

B. Program of Work Committee – Tina Manning

- Elon interns are working on several projects; web site, power point about ACE, new brochures for ACE, e-newsletter format and a public awareness campaign.
- Plans are progressing for the Education Summit. Mr. Gus Martin will facilitate a panel discussion and persons who have agreed to speak are John Dornan, Dr. Randy Bridges, Eddie Gant and Derek Steed.
- Dr. Bridges and Tom Manning will be asked for ideas for the “ACE Education Minute.” Members were asked to e-mail their ideas to Tina Manning.
- Allison sits on a committee for a newly formed Dropout Prevention Program.
- Invitations have been sent out for the Principals Breakfast which is scheduled for July 31st. Board members are invited and are asked to help facilitate round-table discussions..
- POW would like to pursue “Shadow a Principal for a Day.” More information is forthcoming.
- Report – Janice Stone, Tutoring & Mentoring Coordinator – See attached copy

C. Resource Sustainability Committee – Ed Woodall

- The Dillard’s fundraising event is scheduled for July 31st. Each board member is asked to purchase ten (10) tickets.
- A fundraising event, “Stage Struck,” is in the planning stage. This program will showcase the talents of our local students.
- A celebrity dinner is in the planning stage.
- Meetings to solicit corporate funding have been scheduled with Sandvik and Stevenson Vestal. Follow-up phone calls have been made to Glen Raven.
- Alice Shelton is working with Allison on a US Air Grant and with Janice on a Glaxco-Smith Kline Grant.

Superintendent’s Remarks –Dr. Randy Bridges, Superintendent, Alamance-Burlington School System- Dr. Bridges reported that principals have been hired for Pleasant Grove Elementary and Woodlawn Middle. The system still needs an Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Personnel. He stated that the system is desperately in need of ESL teachers. He reported that the new Highland Elementary School will be ready on August 1st.

Executive Director’s Report - Allison Gant

- Reported that ACE moved to the Wachovia Building on July 12th. Wachovia paid the cleaning fee for the new space. Allison asked us to extend thanks to Jerry Bailey at Wachovia.
- We need a copy machine for the office and members have been asked to donate office supplies.
- Allison distributed tickets for the Dillard’s fundraiser. ACE sun visors are available at the office for members.

New Business - President McNeill read letters of resignation from Board of Trustees member, Jan-Erik Nordh and Board of Directors member, Rev. Dr. Terry Farmer. Chris Davis moved that we accept their letters of resignation. Tina Manning seconded the motion. The motion carried.

President McNeill encouraged members to get involved and give to Allison names of businesses which may make donations to ACE.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 P.M.

Minutes by:

Barbara L. Sellars, Secretary