



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

Minutes of the:
**Alamance Citizens for Education (ACE)
Board of Directors Meeting**
Amtrak Station
Burlington, NC

Thursday, March 15, 2007

Directors Present:

Jeff Andrews
Angela Thompson-Clark
Terry Farmer
Sylvester Lewis
Barbara Massey
Ed Woodall

LaRosa Pinnix-Bailey
Kate Crawford
Allison Gant
Becky Loy
Terry McNeill

Joe Barbour
Chris Davis
Chad Laws
Tina Manning
Barbara Sellers

Non-voting Ex Officio Member:

Dr. Randy Bridges

Tutoring & Mentoring Coordinator:

Janice Stone

Executive Director:

Mary Erwin

Visitors:

Drew Barker, Resource Officer, Turrentine Middle School, Burlington Police Department
Michael Falk, Teacher and Coach, Turrentine Middle School
Paul Knechtal, Beyond the Classroom, Inc. (www.btnc.org)

The **Board of Directors meeting** of the Alamance Citizens for Education (ACE) was called to order at 12:07 p.m. by President Allison Gant. Terry Farmer provided the invocation.

Minutes: A motion to accept the minutes of the January Board of Directors meeting was made by Kate Crawford and seconded by Terry Farmer. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Becky Loy distributed and discussed year-to-date (through 3/15/07) Balance Sheet and Income Statement. Income highlights included a \$15,000 gift from LabCorp and \$10,000 contribution from the Hayden-Harman Foundation to support the position of Tutoring & Mentoring Coordinator.

Remarks: Dr. Randy Bridges, Superintendent, ABSS: Dr. Bridges provided the Board copies of the ABSS proposed budget request that will be presented to the Alamance County Board of Commissioners, and entertained questions related to the budget process.

Special Presentation: Drew Barker, Resource Officer, Burlington Police Department, and advisor for the Students Against Violence program at Turrentine Middle School, and Michael Falk, Turrentine Middle School, presented a \$350 check to ACE from funds raised during the school's recent Queen and King Contest. Julie Holt and Michael Falk won Queen and King, respectively, and asked that their donations be given to ACE.

Special Presentation: Beyond the Classroom, Inc.: Paul Knechtal presented an overview of his program that provides hands-on activities, primarily in science and arts, to middle schools in the ABSS. To date, he has completed 26 school visits and made contacted with over 3,500 students. The program features a range of qualified speakers who underline the value of education and personal responsibility. Funding for the program is provided in part by Glaxo.

Organizational Development Committee: No report

Program of Work Committee: Allison Gant advised the Board on the following initiatives:

- All ABSS parental involvement grants have been disbursed
- The Duke Power \$5,000 grant is also in place, which will be used to fund five \$1,000 science grants at ABSS elementary schools
- Attempting to hold a gang awareness forum at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church for Latino families
- Planning continues for the annual Educational Summit at the Mebane Arts & Community Center, scheduled for September 11th
- Working with the "What's After High School" initiative, local public libraries, and the Burlington Parks & Recreation Dept. to sponsor a College Expo at North Park on April 28th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Also, ACE will co-sponsor parent information sessions for rising 9th and 12th graders at Western Alamance H.S. forums scheduled for March 20th at the Graham Public Library, and March 22nd at May Memorial Library.
- The HEROES campaign is scheduled to kickoff this fall and will feature high school student leaders, including students active in athletics, band and drama. The HEROES representatives will spend time with Title I (free and reduced lunch) elementary students.

Janice Stone, Tutoring & Mentoring Coordinator, reported on recent and pending activities, including:

- Provided a Tutoring & Mentoring training session, March 5th
- Working with three Elon University students to coordinate Tutoring & Mentoring volunteers from the University beginning in the fall

- Attended Closing the Achievement Gap committee meeting, March 8th
- Attended VOICE meeting, March 12th
- Explored Tutoring & Mentoring assistance at the Salvation Army, with need for up to 60 volunteers
- Will facilitate Tutoring & Mentoring training March 19th at the Kernodle Senior Center
- Providing Tutoring & Mentoring presentation at NC Department of Public Instruction meeting at the Koury Convention Center, March 27th

Additionally, Janice mentioned that WFMY News 2 will feature a lunch buddy visit at Eastlawn Elementary on March 23rd.

Resource Sustainability / Fundraising Committee: No report. Please note change in date of next meeting to March 28th.

Executive Director's Report: No report

New Business: Allison Gant advised the Board that the pending planning retreat has been cancelled. Alternatively, members of the Executive Board will participate in a strategic planning session with Pam Barnhardt, a non-profit consultant who recently relocated to Alamance County.

With no other business raised, the Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Woodall
Secretary

Meeting Reminders:

Joint Board of Trustees / Board of Directors Meeting: Thursday, April 19th, 12:00 noon – large meeting room, Koury Business Center, Elon University (regular Board of Directors meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of every month)

Program of Work Committee: Tuesday, April 17th, 12:30 p.m. (meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at the ACE office, 719 Hermitage Road)

Resource Sustainability Committee: Wednesday, March 28th, 12:00 noon (meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at the ACE office)

Organizational Development Committee: rescheduled for today at ACC, 1:30 p.m. (meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at ACC)

Tutoring and Mentoring (needs chair): Tuesday, March 27th, 12:00 noon (meetings are on the 4th Tuesday of every month at the ACE office)

Education Summit Committee: Tuesday, April 5th, 8:30 a.m. at Starbucks