



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

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

Thursday, November 16, 2006

Directors Present:

Lane Anderson
Tina Manning
Ed Woodall

Joe Barbour
Terry McNeill

Terry Farmer
Gerald Dillashaw

Director Proxies:

Kate Crawford

Chris Davis

Executive Director:

Mary Erwin

The **Board of Directors meeting** of the Alamance Citizens for Education (ACE) was called to order at 12:09 p.m. by Terry McNeill. Terry Farmer provided the invocation.

Minutes: A motion to accept the minutes of the October Joint Board of Trustees and Board of Directors meeting was made by Terry Farmer and seconded by Gerald Dillashaw. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Mary Erwin distributed and discussed the reports. The Balance Sheet reflected cash assets of \$90,741.37 in the bank as of 11/16/06. Mary reminded the Board that \$17,500 in funds will be disbursed in January 2007 to cover the Mini-Grant program if all schools apply and are granted the funds.

Special Report: ELON Academy: Richard Mihans, Elon University, Director of the ELON (Education, Leadership, Outreach, Now) Academy, discussed the new enrichment program provided by the University for ABSS high school students. The Academy seeks to make a college education a reality for youth who are typically under-represented on college campuses, and is limited to 20 – 24 students per grade levels 10, 11 and 12. The Academy requires a three-year commitment by the student, and utilizes Elon University resources, faculty and staff.

Organizational Development: Terry Farmer advised a subcommittee had been formed to select the new Tutoring & Mentoring Coordinator. The group has to date interviewed three candidates, with two additional interviews scheduled. Mary Erwin added that a hiring decision could be made as early as next week.

Program of Work: Mary Erwin reported that the program of work subcommittee had met to put a strategic plan in place for future activities, including:

- Continue to conduct community forums, including forums on gang awareness and internet safety. ACE will coordinate the forums with the Burlington and Graham Police departments, and the Alamance County Sheriff's department. Forums will be offered at ABSS high schools from January – March 2007.
- Continue to raise public awareness on issues affecting the public schools, including the ABSS teacher supplement discrepancy
- Explore a potential partnership with the Brain Train educational retail store for the new teacher check program
- Plan second annual Educational Summit for September 2007, with the goal of focusing on different or more narrowly defined issues
- Build on the ACE Educational Minute at ABSS athletic events
- Consider a possible “student involvement grant” to get at-risk students involved in extracurricular activities

Additionally, Mary reported applications for the second year of parental involvement Mini-Grants were distributed this week.

Terry Farmer suggested surveying ABSS principals for what they need to be successful at their individual schools, and utilize these results to form the basis of topics covered at the 2007 Educational Summit.

Terry McNeill suggested the Board divide into groups of three or four Directors and take a principal to lunch once or twice a year as another way to uncover issues and needs.

Resource Sustainability / Fundraising: Mary Erwin advised that solicitations of funds for ACE were ongoing.

Executive Director's Report: Mary Erwin provided a recap of her recent involvement and successes on behalf of ACE:

- Participated in the ABSS Principal and Assistant Principal of the Year interviews and tours
- Spoke at the “Lights on Afterschool” celebration at Graham Middle School, with over 300 people in attendance
- Attended fundraising workshop, along with Chris Davis and Barbara Massey
- Participated in grant-writing workshop, along with Alice Shelton of ABSS
- Provided information to parents at Tucker Street Community Day, with over 200 people in attendance

- Attended the new Elon School's open house
- Along with Rhonda Schuler and Alice Shelton of ABSS, met with Jerry Bailey, Wachovia, to discuss the Teachers and Teaching Initiative Grant. The group was invited by Wachovia to apply for the Grant within two days of the meeting
- Spoke to a group of 40 seniors at First Baptist Church in Mebane about tutoring and mentoring opportunities
- Applied for a Community Initiative Grant through Elon University
- Applied for a Food Lion Grant for \$5,000 toward the Mini-grant program
- Participated in Teaching Fellows interviews for ABSS

New Business: Lane Anderson advised the Board that he had been invited to begin a monthly question & answer column, "Ask Dr. A," in the Alamance Magazine.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Woodall
Secretary

Meeting Reminders:

Board of Directors Meeting: Thursday, December 21st, 12:00 noon – new Amtrak depot, Burlington (regular Board meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of every month)

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

Resource Sustainability Committee: Wednesday, November 29th, 12:00 noon (meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at the ACE office)

Organizational Development Committee: Wednesday, December 13th, ACC, 12:15 p.m. (meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at ACC)

Tutoring and Mentoring (needs chair): Tuesday, November 28th, 12:00 noon (meetings are on the 4th Tuesday of every month at the ACE office)

Joint Board of Trustees / Board of Directors Meeting: Thursday, April 19th, 2007