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# Falls Lake Academy

October 2021

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Link to LiveStream: [LiveStream Link](#)

Location: Falls Lake Academy

## School Mission:

Falls Lake Academy seeks to create a challenging learning environment while striving to meet the academic, social, and emotional needs of our 21st century learners to prepare them for citizenship, leadership, and success in a rapidly changing world. Our school promotes a safe, orderly, caring and supportive community. Each student's self-esteem is fostered by positive relationships with students and staff. We strive to have our parents, teachers, and community members actively involved in our student's learning.

Board Members Present: Samantha Dale Velvet Nelson Gina Stinnett Brian Massengill Kevin Nolte Willie Owens Crystal Grant La-Shell Johnson (via telephone)

Other Stakeholders Present: Ashley Keith, Leslie Morris, Nealie Whitt III, Brian Parker

**Meeting Called to Order at: 6:30 pm by Samantha Dale**

Agenda

Open Session

- 1. Recitation of Mission: Gina Stinnett 6:30pm**
- 2. Approval of October 19 Agenda 6:31**

Motion: Willie Owens

Second: Brian Massengill

Discussion: Kevin Nolte wanted to amend the agenda by noting we only need to vote on mask policy once a month.

Vote: Unanimous "Aye"

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### 3. Approval of October 5, 2021 left off announcement about Nape testing

- a. [October 5, 2021 Meeting Minutes](#) Motion to approve by Velvet Nelson, Seconded by La-shell Johnson, Unanimous "Aye"

**Motion to Approve:** Velvet Nelson

**Seconded:** LaShell Johnson

**Discussion:** No discussion

**Motion Status:** Unanimously "Aye"

### 4. Announcements and Acknowledgements

Notes: Willie Owens will take lead on asphalt repair in front of the building after speaking to the attorney. Hopefully before the cold weather sets in.

### 5. Citizen Input Statements: V. Nelson

*Persons wishing to address the Board may do so at this time upon recognition from the President. Please state your name, community or organization you represent, and the topic you wish to share with the Board. You will be given 3 minutes to make your presentation. Pursuant to the Brown Act, the Board cannot enter into formal discussion with individuals making public comments to the Board. The Board cannot take action on any issues raised during public comments that are not on the meeting agenda.*

Notes: Brian Parker addressed the board about the face mask issue. He appreciates everyone is trying to keep the kids in school by limiting exposure because he thinks that is most important. The National Institute of Health says covid could pass through cloth face masks. If covid can come through masks what science are we following. Kids learn through facial expressions, phonetics, ect. Mr. Parker wants to know why we are using masks if they are not protecting children. His son is trying out for basketball and Parents option to do what's best for their children. He's not saying forever, but as a consideration for kids and athletes. He feels we are not limiting anything, but it is more of a show. There is no standard across the board, it's just a face mask on. He asked that we reconsider the policy.

### 6. School Director's Report

#### [Staff Wellness Plan 2021-2022](#)

Kevin asked if the additional wellness dates would impact athletics. Willie inquired about the providing staff with information, pamphlets, or having training set up to give them options that they might not be aware of to support their wellness. Mrs. Hobgood shared that the committee will take a survey to see what other staff may want to do other than taking off. There may be an opportunity for us to utilize outside vendors once the survey data is evaluated. Velvet shared that Union County opted in to observe November 12 for a mental health day given that many people are more likely to take the day off. Crystal inquired who would provide support to the counselors who

are supporting the staff wellness. La-shell asked about supports in place to deal with a crisis situation.

Motion: Brian Massengill motion as it was presented and add 3 wellness days to calendar

Second: Gina Stinnett

Motion passed Unanimous "Aye"

**7. Finance/Personnel Committee- No items to discuss**

**8. Growth and Development Committee- No items to discuss**

**9. Academic/Governance Committee- No items to discuss**

**~~10. Face Covering Policy- Board Action Required~~** \*removed per the monthly vote

~~[Covid 19 Mask Policy](#)~~

Notes: Only needs to be discussed monthly

**Closed Session:** Pursuant of 143-318.11. Closed sessions.(a) Permitted Purposes. - It is the policy of this State that closed sessions shall be held only when required to permit a public body to act in the public interest as permitted in this section. A public body may hold a closed session and exclude the public only when a closed session is required.

**No closed session items**

**Adjournment : 6:58**

**Motion to Approve: Velvet Nelson**

**Seconded:** La-Shell Johnson

**Discussion:** No discussion

**Motion Status: Unanimous "Aye"**