



Falls Lake Academy

September 2021

Tuesday, September 07, 2021

Link to LiveStream:

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: Kevin Nolte, Crystal Grant, La-Shell Johnson, Brian Massengill , Willie Owens , Velvet Nelson , Gina Stinnett

Other Stakeholders Present: Amy Hobgood, Ashley Keith, Lisa Mayhue, Nealie Whitt III, Leslie, Morris, Christy Kinder, Courtney Lawton, Chanice Fairley, Katrina Cooke, Jon Bruno

Meeting Called to Order at: 6:31pm by Kevin Nolte

Agenda

Open Session

- 1. Recitation of Mission (6:31pm) - Kevin Nolte**
- 2. Approval of August 12 Minutes (6:32pm)**

[August 12 Minutes](#)

Motion to Approve: Velvet Nelson

Seconded: La-Shell Johnson

Discussion: No further action

Motion Status: Passed with unanimous “aye”

3. Announcements and Acknowledgements (6:33pm)

Notes: Deputy Sledge unable to make meeting tonight, but will make himself available if anyone wishes to meet with him individually. His bio will be in the Screamer.

Agenda looks different and will be made available one week prior to the meeting. Agenda will be in a different format and location as being handled by Charter Success.

4. Citizen Input Statements (6:34pm)

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: No citizens comments

5. Board Organizational Shift

Notes: No business for Board Organizational Shift

6. SRO Introduction

Notes: SRO not available for tonight’s meeting

7. School Director’s Report (6:35pm)

[School Director’s Report](#)

Enrollment Update - Currently there are 1,056 students enrolled. Five could withdraw before 5pm. In spite of the pandemic and students leaving for various reasons, we will still meet the goal of 1,050 students and meet the budget target.

School Test Results - Falls Lake is in the middle compared to the rest of the state.

8. EC Department Presentation (6:42pm)

Notes: Presentation was made by Christy Kinder. Falls Lake has a total of 143 Exceptional Children students. Elementary has 73, middle 27, and the high school has 43 students. Falls Lake has 14 areas they specialize which includes, autism, SED, HI, SLD, OHT, SLI, and others.

9. Finance/Personnel Committee: (6:49pm) Finance Report

PRC Update - No report from the month of August

Notes: ESSER III (newest fund) is funding to support teachers. Most of the money available rolled over from last year. Kevin asked what can be used in 182 for picnic tables, shading areas, ect, but may fit under additional improvements.

Velvet reported the meeting minutes are in the shared drive.

10. Fundraising Committee Report (6:53pm)

Notes: Shade options can help facilitate getting outside. Some options are expensive, but we need to look at investing in long term options.

11. Academic/Governance Committee (6:55pm)

[Senate Bill 654 - Session Law 2021-30](#) Discussion

Notes: Meeting this upcoming Friday. Plan by **Oct 1, 2021**

12. Face Covering Policy -(7:02pm) Vote Required

[Covid-19 Mask Policy](#)

Motion to Approve: W. Owens

Seconded: G. Stinnett

Discussion: W. Owens recommended the existing mask protocol continue and the covid policy goes to Academic/Governance for policy number. B. Massengill is not in agreement with mask policy. Official policy will be accepted at next meeting.

Motion Status: 6 "Aye" 1 "Nay"

13. 7.4800 Employee Leave with Remote work (7:07pm) - Vote Required

[7.4800 Employee Leave with Remote Work](#)

Motion to Approve:

Seconded:

Discussion: First read; no motion presented

Motion Status:

7:08pm K. Nolte opened the floor for any comments from the guest in attendance. No one had any comments.

B. Massengill stated we will grow from here and get all information out when needed.

Closed Session: Purpose of Closed Session Discussion Item #3: 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:

The board of directors entered into closed session at 7:10pm to discuss personnel matters.

At 7:30pm BOD reconvened to accept all personnel recommendations. W. Owens made the motion to accept personnel recommendations. B. Massengill seconded. Unanimous "Aye"

Vicki Woodlief, Susan Powell, and Pamela Criswell will be substitute teachers. Jessica Pendergrass will be a non-certified teacher.

The fall coaches are as follows:

Harry Tackema- HS Women's Golf Assistant Coach

Pamela Criswell- HS JV Volleyball Head Coach and Varsity Assistant Coach

Correnia Sammons- HS Varsity Volleyball Coach

Michael Graham- HS Varsity Men's Soccer Coach

Patrick Seth Moore- HS Varsity Men's Soccer Assistant Coach

Chris Teague- HS Varsity Women's Golf Head Coach

Justin Rhodes- HS Cross Country Coach

Beth Doerfler- Middle School Cross Country Coach

Pam DeZuik- Middle School Volleyball Coach

Steven McDowell- MiddleSchool Boys Soccer Coach

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn at 7:32pm by L. Johnson

Seconded: W. Owens

Discussion: None

Motion Status: Unanimous "Aye"