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# Falls Lake Academy

Tuesday, May 3, 2022

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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: Crystal Grant, La-Shell Johnson, [Velvet Nelson](#), [Brian Massengill](#) Trey Brooks, Donald Ennis, Kevin Nolte

Other Stakeholders Present: Amy Hobgood, Ashley Keith, Nealie Whitt III, Leslie Morris

Citizen: 2

Meeting Called to Order at: 6:32pm by [Brian Massengill](#)

## Agenda

Open Session

1. Recitation of Mission (6:33pm) - Trey Brooks
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## **2. Motion for Agenda for approval (6:34pm)**

**Motion to Approve:** Kevin Nolte

**Seconded:** Velvet Nelson

**Discussion:** Kevin Nolte made motion to add in McKinney Vento Policy for approval

**Motion Status:** Unanimous "Ayes"

## **3. Approval of April 5 Minutes (6:34pm)**

**Motion to Approve:** Donald Ennis

**Seconded:** Trey Brooks

**Discussion:** No further action

**Motion Status:** Unanimous "Ayes"

Closed Session: **(6:36pm)** 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:

**Motion to Approve:** Velvet Nelson

**Seconded:** Kevin Nolte

**Discussion:** No further action

**Motion Status:** Unanimous "Ayes"

Open Session: **(7:47pm)** Motion to go back into Open Session

**Motion to Approve:** Velvet Nelson

**Seconded:** Crystal Grant

**Discussion:** No further action

**Motion Status:** Unanimous "Ayes"

## **7:48pm Motion to accept new hires, new positions, and new contracts**

**Motion to Approve:** Crystal Grant

**Seconded:** La-Shell Johnson

**Discussion:** No further action

**Motion Status:** Unanimous "Ayes"

## **4. Announcements and Acknowledgements (7:50pm)**

- a. Teacher Appreciation Week
  - i. This week is teacher appreciation week. Tomorrow is Taco Tuesday. PTA did breakfast Thursday and Friday.
  - ii. Board is encouraged to drop a thank you note to teachers this week.
- b. Mr. Whitt - Distinguished Leadership Program Graduation-
  - i. Mr. Whitt will be graduating from leadership school on Wednesday, May 4th.
- c. Athletic Awards Night
  - i. Third week in May. Middle school will have their own night, and High school will have a separate night.
- d. Theater Production
  - i. Puffs production was successful. Mr. Cerrullo and his students worked very hard to carry out this successful production.

## **5. Citizen Input Statements (7:52pm) No Citizen's Statement**

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.

## **6. School Director's Report (7:53pm)**

Lead Administrator May Report

### **A. Enrollment Update**

I. Lily is still awaiting 20 enrollment packets to verify. She validates as packets come in.

### **B. ACT Results - Mr. Whitt**

i. ACT results have been received. They received the best scores to date, and also hit their first 5 (score 33) and top10 (score 30) which is top in the nation

C. 3rd Quarter Grade Report

i. Breakdown of proficiency scores provided. Courses for high school were provided by semester.

D. Scholarship Money and College Acceptances - Mr. Whitt

i. More students have been getting accepted in top honors colleges. They also had High Point come to campus to announce a scholarship and acceptance. This has been a first for this to occur.

ii. Total dollar amount of scholarships received by High School students thus far: \$707,000

iii. 12 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU's) were included in the acceptance list

E. Graduation Plan

Graduation will be indoors. Families will sit together.

Date: June 4th at 10:00am. Procession will begin at the elementary school and conclude at the high school.

F. McKinney-Vento Act Dispute Policy Update

**Motion to Approve:** Velvet Nelson

**Seconded:** Trey Brooks

**Discussion:** Protects students experiencing homelessness. Ms. McGarry is the McKinney-Vento Liaison

**Motion Status:** Unanimous "Ayes"

G. MS Elective 2022-2023

i. STEAM elective course - Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math

ii. The hope is to move students to more practical projects and will be open to the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students.

iii. The idea is to expound the current robotics team to fresh students, and have STEAM a potential replacement for Dance. This would be complementary to the current PBL structure.

**Motion to Approve:** Velvet Nelson

**Seconded:** Dennis Ennis

**Discussion:** No discussion

**Motion Status:** Unanimous "Ayes"

**7. Finance/Personnel Committee: (8:10pm) Finance Report**

Board Financial Report -March 2022- Budget for fiscal year approved. No further discussion.

**8. Academic/Governance Committee (8:11pm)**

No reports or discussion.

**9. Growth and Development (8:14pm)**

Feasibility Study

**Motion to Approve:** Kevin Nolte

**Seconded:** Dennis Ennis

**Discussion:** No discussion

**Motion Status:** Unanimous "Ayes"

**10. Accreditation Renewal extended until June 30, 2025 (8:14)**

**11. Covid-19 Mask Policy (8:15pm)**

**Motion to Approve:** Velvet Nelson

**Seconded:** Kevin Nolte

**Discussion:** No discussion

**Motion Status:** Unanimous "Ayes"

**8:16pm Motion to Adjourn at by Velvet Nelson**

**Seconded:** Trey Brooks

**Discussion:** No discussion

**Motion Status:** Unanimous "Ayes"

**Next scheduled meeting: Tuesday, June 7 , 2022 at 6:30pm**