

FHSCCA 2019-2020 SCHOOL GOVERNANCE TEAM MEETING

Date: Nov. 5, 2020

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Meeting Called to Order by: Principal James Sirmans

In attendance: Jalee Wilson, Cynthia Griffin, David Carter

POINTS OF DISCUSSION:

School Report: As of today, there are no staff members or students with COVID-19. One staff member is quarantined but due to an out-of-school situation. All safety measures possible have been taken...students & staff wear masks, hand sanitizer machines are installed throughout the building, and students are required to move every 14 minutes so as to meet state guidelines.

Virtual Learning Update: Total number of face-to-face students is now 628; total number of virtual students is 159. The virtual number had been 289, but many students recently returned to school. A total of 110 students have signed up for virtual learning for spring semester which begins January 10, 2021.

Beginning spring semester, virtual live instruction will begin which will require virtual students to be signed into their classes at the same time in-class instruction is being given. If a student does not sign in, he/she will be counted absent. The school is going in this direction because some students at home never even log in and are not doing the work required.

The administration is keeping in constant contact with parents of virtual students, especially since many of those who are participating in virtual learning are failing. Efforts are being made to encourage parents to have their students return to school. Parents are also being given suggestions for helping their child to be a more successful virtual learner. Report cards will go out before Christmas vacation in hopes that parents of failing students will see the need for their child to attend face-to-face learning. Beginning spring semester, Odysseyware and Schoology will be used only for special situations including credit recovery or for students wanting to take a course (such as French or Zoology) that is not normally offered by FHSCCA. Members of the administration will work some during Christmas

vacation to prepare everything needed for the new methods of virtual learning being put in place.

2020-2021 School Improvement Plan Review: A major goal of FHSCCA is to build reading and math scores for our students. The elementary school through 6th grade have made great progress in this area, but 7th-12th grades are still deficient in these areas. Several programs are being used to help with this. Hurricane Time (now also known as Extra Block Time) is also being used for remediation purposes.

Much is being done in the area of instructional technology for both students and teachers. Teachers are receiving professional development to help them be as successful as possible with virtual teaching, as well as face-to-face instruction. Students are also being taught how to use and deal with virtual technology in an ethical manner in order to better understand the content and make the most progress possible.

Governance Team Funds: This year's government funding for our school's governance team was reduced from \$30,000 last year to \$10,000. Mr. Sirmans encouraged members to be thinking of ways these funds might be used. Last year \$15,000 was spent on laptop covers that would better protect the devices. Many laptops were being damaged, and Mr. Sirmans explained that the new covers have helped tremendously. Money was also spent on cameras for better security, as well as other badly needed items.

Team members were also shown a video concerning an exciting new opportunity for students (FLEX) in which those who sign up will create their own business and follow certain guidelines to qualify for a winning prize of \$5000.

The meeting ended with Mr. Sirmans opening the discussion for any questions and thanking all team members for their willingness to serve.