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Kestrel Heights Public Charter School

Minutes

Special Meeting (March 2020 #1)

Date and Time
Thursday March 19, 2020 at 7:00 PM

Location
Conference Call accessible via phone or https://ncsu.zoom.us/j/278906284

Directors Present
A. Davis (remote), J. Featherstone (remote), S. Foy-Watson (remote), S. McGarrah (remote)

Directors Absent
B. Paris, Y. Powell

Ex Officio Members Present
J. Hensler (remote), M. Callahan (remote)

Guests Present
M. Tracy (remote), S. Villegas (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

J. Featherstone called a meeting of the board of directors of Kestrel Heights Public Charter School to order on Thursday Mar 19, 2020 at 7:11 PM.

II. Discussion Regarding the Impact of COVID-19 on Kestrel Heights Community

A. Recap of Available Information Regarding COVID-19

Meals will be provided by DPS, but they are no longer providing breakfast.

The State is encouraging schools to provide day care services per the Governor's Executive Order. The Governor has implied that schools may be open to be used for daycare even if they cannot be opened for educational purposes.

Dr. Tracy gave the Board an update on the information from the State. The State has provided some guidance, but will provide additional guidance as they make decisions. The State has told schools that they should not be providing instruction on new materials at this time.

The administrative team has met to discuss the education plan. Mrs. Callahan has worked through the surveys to determine which families may need help with technology. The team has a plan to get technology to needed families and will contact families who have not yet responded to the technology survey by next Wednesday.

Ms. Jackson has also developed a plan for special education students. She is working through issues (awaiting state guidance) on IEP plans and minutes and other education requirements.

B. Consideration of School Options (Vote if Needed)

Dr. Tracy looked at what other school systems are doing. Wake County Schools are giving supplements to support, but doesn't replace core instruction. The schools that already have 1 to 1 instruction in place are doing three days a week for instruction and then two days a week for office hours.

The Board discussed how Kestrel will provide the instruction, including using Class Dojo, Zoom or Google Classroom.

Parents and board members asked questions about how this is going to work:

- Will we have flexibility for families that cannot work from home? Yes, the lessons will be able to be recorded and downloaded for families to view when they can. Dr. Tracy also reiterated the information about the daycare opportunities.
- Do we know if the last day of school will be the same? We do not know at this point. We are waiting for the State of North Carolina to let us know what they are going to require for schools, closures and instruction. Dr. Tracy thinks that it will be at least next week before we get that information.

- It would be helpful to have information from our children's teachers even if it's recorded. Dr. Tracy and Ms. Villegas heard that concern and shared information on the iReady and MobyMax resources that Kestrel students can already access.
- Are we going to have ways for students to have some social access? Ms. Callahan shared that the administrative team talked about opportunities for that today.

Ms. Callahan is going to put together a Google survey to be sent through Class Dojo for parents and staff. We will plan to have another meeting next week so that those questions can be answered.

III. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

S. McGarrah made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
A. Davis seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.
There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
S. McGarrah