

Alee Academy
 Charter Board Meeting
 Minutes
 January 22, 2018
 6:00 pm

Approval of Minutes	
Current Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrollment – Alee and ACER 	Robin Valentino
Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fund Balances 	Robin Valentino
Old Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital Outlay Funding Update • School Improvement Plan • Accreditation Review April 29, 2018 • Refresher Governance Trainings Due in 2018 	Robin Valentino
New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National School Choice Week • College and Career Fair / Open House • Memorial Service for Coach Davis • Out of Field Teacher Approval • Looking Ahead to the Future 	Robin Valentino
Attorney’s Report	Brenda Smith

Board members present were:

Michael Holland, Mary Jo Rager, Jennings Neeld, Chloe Bonds-Wormack, Dr. Isaac Deas, and Rachel Holtzclaw.

Motion was made by Chloe Bonds-Wormack to approve the minutes as read and seconded by Jennings Neeld. The motion passed unanimously.

Current Program Status

The FTE count for student enrollment as of January 22, 2018 for each of the programs is:

Program	Student Enrollment
Alee Academy	162
ACER Night Program	120
<i>Total Day School FTE</i>	282

(Note: There are approximately 28 pending applications for day and night students)

The actual student counts by grade are:

	Alee	ACER
9 th Grade	62	33
10 th Grade	27	22
11 th Grade	45	31
12 th Grade	28	34

Discussion was held in regard to the large influx of 9th graders that we are seeing and the increasing apathy on the part of students and parents in regard to attendance/graduation. We have received middle school promotions of 15, 16, and 17 year old 9th graders that are not academically or socially equipped to survive in a more mature high school environment thus contributing to their absenteeism and behavior issues in the classroom.

Budget

The current assets as of January 18, 2018 are:

Checking United Southern Bank	\$238,760.37
Savings, TD Bank	\$218,287.00
Money Market, United Southern Bank	\$187,432.25
Checking, Southside Eatery, USB	\$342.01
Total Current Assets	\$644,821.63

Attached are copies of:

1. Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2017
2. Income Statement for 6 months Ending December 31, 2017

Motion was made by Rachel Holtzclaw to accept the financials as presented and seconded by Mary Jo Rager. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Capital Outlay Funding – Update on current status of Capital Outlay funding. See attached.

Discussion was held surrounding the decrease in funding yet again this school year and it was reported by Jennings Neeld that at our inception, our funding for Capital Outlay exceeded \$250,000.00. Our present allocation is approximately \$54,000.00 which is a \$30,000.00 decline from last year and a more than \$100,000.00 decline from 3 years ago.

School Improvement Plan – School Improvement Plan was approved by Lake County Schools on January 11, 2018.

Accreditation Review April 29, 2018 – We will have our review 4/29/2018 - 5/1/2018. Training has been scheduled for Mrs. Valentino and Mrs. Emerick for January 23, 2018 in Orlando so that we are apprised of the new system.

All in attendance were advised that their help will be needed and appreciated in preparation for the review as well as the day of the review for interviews with the Review Team.

Refresher Governance Trainings Due – Various board members are due for refresher trainings in 2018.

All in attendance were reminded of their expiration dates for governing board training.

New Business

National School Choice Week – This week is the start of National School Choice Week. We will have activities planned this week in celebration of school choice.

A list of activities were provided to the Board.

College and Career Fair / Open House – Wednesday 1/24/18 from 9-11 and 4-7, we will host a College and Career Fair in the cafeteria. Several colleges and trade schools will be here to expose our student body to the options beyond high school. We will also

host an Open House for new and current students and their families from 4-7 that night as well.

Memorial Service for Coach Davis – A memorial service has been planned for our PE Coach, Charles Davis, for Thursday, February 8, 2018 here at the school. The service is being held in our cafeteria starting at 1:30.

Out of Field Teacher Approval – Approval of out of field teachers is needed for this FTE period. See attached letters notifying parents/guardians of the out of field status for Mr. Gary Price and Mr. Todd Lucas.

A motion was made by Dr. Isaac Deas to approve the out of field teacher assignments for the second semester and seconded by Chloe Bonds-Wormack. The motion passed unanimously.

Looking Ahead to the Future – What changes to the current design can be made to have greater success with our ever changing population.

Discussion was held in regard to the possibility of making a bold change to the structure of our program to better serve the needs of our changing alternative population. We have seen a change in the level of motivation on the part of students and an overwhelming apathy for the importance of education on the part of students and parents. In order to retain our overworked and underpaid staff, we are looking into the possibility of changing to a 5 day a week/5 hour session structure for both day and night school. This will allow for us to dismiss night school at 5:30pm rather than at 9:00pm as we currently do. The change in structure should reduce staff burn out, increase staff morale and likely increase student engagement with shorter class periods and more direct instruction for the night school students. Mrs. Valentino was advised by the board to work out the details of how the new structure would work logistically and financially and come back to the board with a plan of action that can be assessed. All in attendance were in agreement that change is necessary and now is the time to make that change for the future success of the school. Mrs. Valentino and the administrative team will be visiting other alternative schools in Orange and Osceola Counties to see the various structures that are in place and how we can adapt them to meet the needs of our population and geographic area.

The next governing board meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 26, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

Motion was made by Rachel Holtzclaw to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Mary Jo Rager. The motion passed unanimously.