

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE ACADEMY AT MIDDLE FORK
ADVISORY BOARD
APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Wednesday, September 26, 2018
3:00 p.m.
Academy at Middle Fork, Media Center

CALL TO ORDER: The Academy at Middle Fork Advisory Board of Appalachian State University met at the call of the acting chair and the Chancellor on Wednesday, September 26, 2018, at 3:00 p.m. in the Media Center on the campus of The Academy at Middle Fork, Walkertown, North Carolina. Chair Neva Specht presided and called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lisa Gross
David Hostetler
Nickolas A. Jordan
Denise Levy
Neva Specht
Melba Spooner
Woodrow Trathen

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Cheryl Dickson
Beverly Emory
Susan M. Branch

OTHERS PRESENT:

Robin Groce
Tasha Hall-Powell
Barbara Krause
Verschello Nelson
Amie Snow

CONFLICT OF INTEREST NOTICE: Chair Specht read the following statement:

Under the State Government Ethics Act, all voting members of the Board have a duty to avoid conflicts of interest and appearances of

conflicts. Looking at the agenda for today's meeting, does anyone know that you have a conflict of interest or an interest that would give rise to the appearance of a conflict of interest? If so, please let me know now. [None reported.]

APPROVAL OF ABSENCE: Chair Specht stated that member Susan Branch's absence was approved. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the absence was approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes for the April 16, 2018 meeting were approved.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION: Chair Specht welcomed the leadership team (Principal, Assistant Principal and Director of Curriculum) of The Academy at Middle Fork.

UPDATE ON OPERATIONS AND FINANCIALS: Robin Groce presented an overview of operations, hiring and the 20 day headcount funding. The current enrollment is 289 student and the goal is 315 students. A few students were lost due to transportation issues and the delay of creating Magnet Bus Stops. Resources were provided to our homeless families to assist with transportation. The Academy will continue to stress the need for bus transportation for our students.

POLICY REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Barbara Krause gave an overview of the general policies of ASU as well as the Academy. The Academy does currently have EOG and Quarterly Testing licenses. Amie Snow will give information to parents on Curriculum Night about Parent Portal (a program that tracks student's grades and attendance).

PRINCIPAL EVALUATION PROCESS: Robin Groce provided details on the 360 Evaluation instrument and People Admin. as well as using the State guidelines. These same tools will be used for the Assistant Principal and the Director of Curriculum and Instruction. Our PTA will also get feedback from parents.

PRESENTATION FROM THE ACADEMY: The leadership team of the Academy shared a PowerPoint presentation of the first staff meeting with all staff and employees from the ASU Human Resources Department as well as several pictures of students engaged in hands on classroom activities.

REMARKS FROM CHAIR: The next Advisory Board Meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2019 at the Academy. Encouraged everyone to support the Mountaineer Reader Project where students from the Academy would be recognized at the ASU football game on September 29th, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

DR. NEVA SPECHT, Chair

By:

Melanie Hicks-Lane
Recording Secretary