

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

Tuesday, January 15, 2019.

3:30 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 Chair and Chancellor on Tuesday January 15, 2019 at 3:30 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:

Neva Specht
Nickolas A. Jordan
Melba Spooner
Lisa Gross
David Hostetler
Woodrow Trathen
Susan Branch
Cheryl Dickson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Beverly Emory
Denise Levy

OTHERS PRESENT:

Robin Groce
Jennifer Chrisohon
Tasha Hall-Powell
Verschello Nelson
Amie Snow
Vivid Oguntoyinbo
Lori Porter

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 ABSENCES: Chair Specht stated that member Beverly Emory and Denise Levy absence was approved. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the absence was approved as presented.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION: Chair Specht welcomed all present; board members, leadership team of the Academy at Middle Fork and Prospective Eagle Scout.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Minutes for September 26, 2018 meeting were approved.

PRESENTATION FROM STUDENTS: Prospective Eagle Scout, 8th Grader Ryan Porter shared information about his campus beautification project and fund raising target to help achieve his aim of helping the Academy at Middle Fork maintain a beautiful campus. The Student ambassadors and Student council members shared pictures of what they are doing in the Academy prior to the call to order.

BOARD TRAINING: Chair Specht introduced Jennifer Chrisohon, Associate General Counsel for training of the board members, overview of the NC Lab Schools, NC open meeting law, update of the bylaws, brief history of the NC Lab School, UNC Lab School legislative mandate, its purpose and the role of board members which is to provide advice, guidance and recommendations to the Chancellor.

The review and addition of section 2.4 of the bylaws: gives the Chair the ability to appoint a Secretary for the board whose responsibility is to take minutes, ensure the website is updated with meeting dates and maintain records of meetings for the board. The Board members agreed to the appointment of Vivid Oguntoyinbo as the Secretary by Chair Specht.

LEADERSHIP TEAM UPDATE: The leadership team, Principal Tasha Hall-Powell, Assistant Principal Verschello Nelson and Dr. Amie Snow shared PowerPoint presentation of work they have done with students, staff professional development and several pictures of students engaged in hands on activities, book buddies and Greensboro History Museum visit.

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY UPDATE: Robin Groce, Associate professor and director of Planning and Implementation for the Academy gave an Overview of the Lab School legislation, operations, the current enrollment, update on the performance system, revised admission policy, marketing goals, test preparation materials, curricular involvement as well as the budget update. Corrections to the admission policies will be made and brought back to the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS: The floor was open for questions and discussion of admissions policies, Reich College of Education's (RCOE) involvement and collaboration with the Academy for staff training, website, rebranding and advertisement as well as transportation challenges for students of the Academy.

David Hostetler asked questions about the bylaws and other duties of the advisory board. Upon completion of questions and discussion, Chair Specht and Associate General Counsel Jennifer Chrisohon agreed to take questions and recommendations to the Chancellor and talk about pre assessment and previous years' scores at the next meeting.

Dean Spooner handed out finger print release form and background check forms to board members and reminded board members to have it completed and sent to Reich College of Education or HR before the end of January 2019.

CLOSING REMARKS FROM CHAIR: Chair Specht thanked everyone for their contributions and the school staff for their hospitality. The next Advisory Board Meeting is scheduled for 3pm, March 20, 2019 at the Academy. Chair Specht called for the meeting time to be reverted to 3pm to accommodate participating students.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5.13pm.

DR NEVA SPECHT, Chair

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Vivid Oguntoyinbo
Recording Secretary