

ECU Community School Advisory Board  
May 8, 2019  
9:00-9:35 a.m.  
Speight 203

**Presiding:** Dr. Mark L'Esperance

**Board Members in Attendance:** Ms. Bonnie Glass, Dr. Grant Hayes, Dr. Ethan Lenker, Dr. Mark L'Esperance, Mr. Robert Moore, and Dr. Alana Zambone

**University Counsel in Attendance:** Ms. Meagan Kiser

**Guests in Attendance:** Ms. Tracy Cole, Dr. Art Rouse, Mr. Rick Yakubowski

**Board Members Absent from Meeting:** Dr. Chris Locklear, Dr. Elizabeth Hodge, and Mr. Max Joyner

**Call to Order:** Dr. Mark L'Esperance called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. He thanked everyone for attending. Dr. Mark L'Esperance presided over the meeting as Dr. Locklear was unable to attend.

**Approval of the Minutes:** Dr. L'Esperance called for a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. The motion was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of the Agenda:** Dr. L'Esperance asked if there were any adjustments to the agenda; none were mentioned. Dr. Locklear called for a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Public Expression:** None.

### **Updates to the Board**

- A. Community School Operational Update: Dr. Art Rouse shared that the Certificate of Occupancy is close to being granted for the modular unit. Still awaiting the replacement of ceiling tiles after the running of electrical wiring which should be completed next week. The plan is to move the EC teachers and support this summer. The set-up of the unit and moving of furniture is currently scheduled for July 1 and 2.
- B. Personnel Report: Ms. Tracy Cole shared that interviews for teachers have been held during the past two weeks. The Director of Integrated Health will work with the Community School and South Greenville Elementary campus. Dr. Angela Lamson is leading the search, which is about to begin, and hopefully the position will be filled by July.
- C. Finance Report: Mr. Rick Yakubowski noted that everyone had received paper copies of the financial report and that he would try to answer questions if he could. Dr. Grant Hayes stated that there is a projected deficit and that the university has been notified. The university is aware and will cover the deficit. Dr. Art Rouse reported that the technology budget came in \$60,000 under for the modular unit. Dr. Ethan Lenker asked if the modular unit costs were included in the figures. Mr. Rick Yakubowski responded that they were.

- D. Legal Report: Ms. Meagan Kiser attended today's meeting for Ms. Toni Grace, who is currently out on maternity leave. Ms. Kiser shared information from the Office of University Counsel relating to the Community School.

Ms. Kiser reported that the ECUCS Policy 10.200 *Anti-Discrimination, Harassment and Bullying* has been postponed until the Fall. ECU's *Regulation on Sexual and Gender-Based Harassment and Other Forms of Interpersonal Violence – Interim* is still being revised. The two policies will need align with each other.

Ms. Kiser reported that HB 642 and SB 436 are in the works with potential for revisions.

HB 642:

- Children of lab school employees are eligible to attend a lab school if the child resides in the local administrative unit in which the lab school is located.
- If enrollment capacity is not reached by June 1 prior to the start of the next school year, the lab school may enroll children who reside in the local administrative unit in which the laboratory school is located but do not otherwise meet the required criteria for up to 20% of the total capacity.
- Within one year after a lab school begins operation, the lab school shall make efforts for the population of the school to reasonably reflect the racial/ethnic/socioeconomic composition of the general population of the local administrative unit in which the school is located. **(UNC System Office lobbying to have this language removed.)**

SB 436:

- The local administrative unit in which the lab school is located shall provide transportation to student who reside in the local administrative unit and attend the lab school, including homeless students requiring assistance, regardless of where a lab school student resides in the unit and how the unit's transportation policies and practices are applied to other students. This includes providing transportation of students and personnel for lab school extracurricular activities and educational trips in the same manner as other schools in the unit for that school year.
- Addition of immunities for the chancellor, the constituent institution, the advisory board, the lab school and their members, employees, and agents that are the same as those applied to the State Board of Election, Superintendent of Public Instruction, a local board of education, a local school administrative unit and their members and employees.

- E. Principal Report: Ms. Tracy Cole shared the Principal's Report. Ms. Cole noted that the scholars had a fantastic third marking period. They are showing steady growth and progress. Governor Philip Byers visited the Community School earlier this week. Everyone was excited when Dean Hayes joined the kindergarten scholars reading on the floor. The benchmark results for 3-5 show continued growth. Discipline referrals remain at a minimum. The Parent Engagement Session *Springing Forward for Success* was held on May 6, 2019 and was successful. The recruitment of scholars for 2019-2020 is projected to be 129 scholars. As of May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 82 scholars are confirmed. They are working diligently on recruiting an additional 47 scholars. ECU CS took advantage of recruitment opportunities at the Sadie Saulter Pre-K Center Family Day and Graduation and the

South Greenville Community Day. Direct mailings are being sent to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade scholars at South Greenville Elementary. ECU CS is celebrating the graduation of Malinda Pennington (earned PhD), Daniel Henderson (earned MSA), Kenyada Pretlow, (earned MA in Elementary Education), and Akira Hall (earned bachelor's degree). Collaboration with teachers and teacher assistants from South Greenville Elementary is taking place. Teachers from Creekside Elementary, Lakeforest Elementary, and Northwest Elementary are scheduled to visit in May. Pitt County Schools kindergarten clinical teacher professional development sessions took place on April 11<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. NCDPI Title 1 Consultant brought a team from Jefferson, Colorado to visit.

#### **Discussion Items:**

- A. Proposed amendment to bylaws concerning meeting dates
  - Policy 1.110 – (Methods of Board Operation) state that the Board shall normally meet on the second Thursday each quarter.Dr. Zambone moved to approve, Mr. Moore seconded, motion passed unanimously.
- B. Addition to Board membership
  - The statute requires that two members of the Advisory Board be faculty members, one of whom is from the institution's educator preparation program.
  - The Board should make a recommendation to the Chancellor by resolution after voting.Our Advisory Board is already in compliance with this.
- C. Advisory Board membership rotation plan
  - Terms of members – The term of each member shall be for four years, and any vacancy shall be filled with a person of the same classification as his or her predecessor for the balance of the unexpired term. No advisory board member shall serve more than two complete consecutive terms. The chancellor shall stagger the terms of the initial appointees in a manner that results in the expiration of terms of no more than three members in any year.This item was deferred to the summer.

#### **Action Items – Require Board Action:**

- A. Approval of 2019-2020 Community School Calendar  
Mr. Moore made a motion to approve; Ms. Glass seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. Election of 2019-2020 Officers  
President: Dr. L'Esperance made a motion to nominate Dr. Chris Locklear to continue as President.  
Ms. Glass seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.  
Vice President: Dr. Hayes made a motion to nominate Dr. Alana Zambone as Vice President. Mr. Yakubowski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.  
Secretary: The election of this position was deferred until the next meeting.

**Closing Comments:** Dr. L'Esperance asked if there were any closing comments.

- Dr. Rouse asked if the message of the ECU Community School as an option for students has been well received by others? Ms. Cole and others agreed that it has.
- Dr. L'Esperance thanked Dr. Lenker and Dr. Hayes for all their support for the ECU Community School.

- Dr. Hayes thanks everyone for their continued support during some rather difficult and challenging times.
- Dr. Zambone thanked Dr. L'Esperance, Ms. Cole, and Dr. Lenker for all they have done.

There being no further comments, Dr. L'Esperance adjourned the meeting at 9:35 a.m.