

**Caring and Sharing Learning School**

**Charter Board Meeting Notice**

**ZOOM Meeting**

**January 14, 2021**

**6:00 PM- 7:00 PM**





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## Board of Directors' Meeting

January 14, 2021

### Board of Directors

*Charlie Jackson,  
Chairman*

*Liz Coleman-Hayes*

*Walter Jackson*

*Deloris Rentz*

*Angela Terrell*

### **Principal**

Curtis Peterson

### **Founders**

Simon and Verna  
Johnson

- Opening and Approval of Minutes
- Financial Report
  - Budget Update
- Facilities Report
  - Update
- Curriculum
  - School Spring Opening Improvement- District Approved
  - Charter Application Renewal
  
- Community Remarks
- Closing

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Presiding Officer: Charlie Jackson, Chairman of the Board

Members Present: Liz Coleman-Hayes, Charlie Jackson, Verna Johnson, Deloris Rentz, Angela Terrell. Non members Present: Keturah Bailey Acevedo, James Booth, Mavis Muhammad, Curtis Peterson.

Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm

L. Coleman-Hayes moved for the adoption of the agenda as presented; passed by majority vote.

Opening remarks: Chair Jackson commended CSLS leadership and staff for a job well done with the school's handling of and safeguarding for COVID protocols. School grounds look very good and clean.

A. Terrell moved for adoption of minutes as presented; passed by majority vote.

Financial Report - submitted under separate cover for informational purposes.

Budget Update - submitted under separate cover for informational purposes; CSLS remains on budgetary schedule. The PPP loan from the federal government was forgiven - school does not have to pay it back since the funds were spent appropriately.

L. Coleman-Hayes moved to accept the forgiveness of the PPE loan; passed by majority vote.

Facilities Report - J. Booth provided an update on the school facilities. New lighting in all classrooms; other cosmetic improvements have been made to enhance the learning environment. A cleaning company was contracted to ensure CDC cleaning guidelines for the building are met.

### Curriculum

School Spring Opening Improvement - SBAC District Approved and complimented the school's virtual instruction plan. A new section was added to include a recommendation for struggling virtual students to return to brick and mortar (at parents' choice). ~75% of the enrolled students are on campus at present. CSLS is prepared to return to full capacity if required to do so by the new US Presidential administration in the coming months.

Charter Application Renewal – CSLS' 2011-2021 charter is up for renewal this summer – June 2021 and currently waiting for SBAC to finalize the re-application process.

*Action item* – C. Peterson recommended not serving 6<sup>th</sup> grade in the upcoming school year and charter starting Fall 2021.

D. Rentz moved to change the charter to VPK-5<sup>th</sup> grade starting in the 2021-2022 school year; passed by unanimous vote.

Cognia - the accreditation process is moving full steam ahead; will discuss in future Board meetings.

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Community Remarks/Open Floor

The Links will be donating art supplies in the near future. Zeta will donate PPE equipment and supplies tomorrow. Links had one of the Highwaymen Artists come do a lesson at the school. ASAP starting back up. UF Black law students are organizing to come back to the school for service in near future. School purchased 10 books on bullying co-written by Carrie Parker-Warren. Links also did a financial literacy workshop for students as well. Dr. Mike Bowie doing after-school workshops (pilot program) for careers in medicine and various fields. Great partnership with Nkwanda Jah and the Science Program. Community orgs entrenched with the school in spite of the pandemic. Dr. Natalie King requested a sponsorship from UPS to help pay for shipping (\$5000 donation last year, \$10,000.00 sponsorship for this year's STEM summer camp).

Interim Superintendent has recently visited the school and seen the great work being done there. A. Terrell enjoyed hearing how CSLS is still soaring with the challenge of COVID. "Saving My Alachua" calendar art competition – CSLS secured 7 of the spots. Zion Thomas (4<sup>th</sup> grader) art piece is now the stationery for the County's 2021 correspondence. Former student Kyleigh Lewis won 1<sup>st</sup> place three years in a row including this year – her 2020 project has been entered in the National Archives. Fitzgerald Company out of Tallahassee (FAMU alum owner) working with GHA via contract – C. Jackson would like to see this firm work with STEM camp re: design and engineering careers available.

V. Johnson recognized the recent passing of Dr. John Banks, a longtime and original CSLS Board member. A memorial will take place on 1/23 at Montechoa Park; there will be a scholarship in his honor for an HBCU-bound student. C. Jackson would like a resolution sent on behalf of the school from the Board.

Mr. Hall's wife and Mrs. Thomas' mother passed away recently. C. Jackson would like to send condolences on behalf of the Board to all staff members who have suffered losses of late.

Thanks from Chair. Kudos to facilities, stay on cleaning crew with COVID protocols with documentation. SBAC is providing vaccination for employees 65+ retirees can sign up for a waiting list.

Congrats to STAAR Theater for obtaining a school bus for their mobile arts project.

A. Terrell moved to adjourn; passed by unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:46pm.