

Meeting Minutes

Subject	Belton Preparatory Academy Board of Directors	Date	Monday November 11, 2024
Facilitator	Angie King	Time	6:00 p.m.
Location	BPA Conference Room	Scribe	Amanda Dyar Moss
Attendees	Angie King, Blake Cooper, Zach MacInnis, Amanda Dyar Moss, Candace Whitfield, Rachel Sibilio		
Public Attendees	Deirdre McCullough, Bill Roach		

Key Points Discussed		
No.	Topic	Highlights
1.	Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 6:03 p.m.
2.	Invocation	Invocation led by Deirdre McCullough
3.	Pledge of Allegiance	All members and guests recited the Pledge of Allegiance
4.	Freedom of Information Act Compliance	In compliance with FOIA, the agenda was posted at the school on Sunday November 10, 2024.
5.	Public Comment	None
6.	Approval of Agenda (Action)	Motion to approve the agenda with revisions Rachel Sibilio 2 nd by Zack MacInnis. All in favor; Motion carries.
7.	Approval of October 14, 2024, Minutes (Action)	Motion to approve the minutes Zack MacInnis 2 nd by Rachel Sibilio. All in favor; Motion carries.
8.	Review of Financials (Rachel Sibilio)	Reviewed monthly October financials including end of the month balance. Reoccurring fees reviewed. Reimbursements reviewed. Midguard storage fees reviewed. Will review what is in the storage and have moved to eliminate. Working on getting the mailbox up.
9.	FY 2024 Audit (Action)	Audit is complete. However, working to connect with previous auditor to finalize. Institute is aware and has granted an extension through November 2024.
10.	Board of Directors Election Update	The filing period opened today--2 seats are open for election and 1 appointed seat. The interest link has been sent out to the public. The election period will be held during the end of November. Voting will be held December 3-5 th . The new members will be inducted in at the December meeting. There are 3 months to fill appointed positions, will plan to start interviewing likely in January.
11.	Equipment/Furniture Needs for 2024/2025 Academic Year (Action) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chromebooks & Cases 	Chromebooks are here. Quote received for Chromebook cases for 200 at \$6,146.53. Plan to order these asap.

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12.	<p>Principal's Report and Updates to Board (Deirdre McCullough)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Enrollment Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Current Enrollment ○ Open Enrollment ○ Lottery ● Behavioral Matrix (Action) ● Financial Policy (Action) ● Third Grade Self-Contained Update ● Revised 2024-2025 Academic Calendar (Action) ● Building Concerns ● Fall Harvest Festival on November 14 ● Dismissal Change Update ● 23rd Annual SC Charter Schools Conference (Action) ● PowerSchool 	<p>Current enrollment at 456 students. Open enrollment runs November 1st to February 1st. The lottery is likely for all grade levels and will take place in February. Consider the addition of portables for next year.</p> <p>Behavioral matrix is being revised by legal. There is currently no ISS, therefore most of the consequences default to OSS.</p> <p>Financial policies have previously been revised and legal has copies.</p> <p>Updates on 3rd grade self-contained classes: Seems to be going well according to feedback.</p> <p>Revised 2024-2025 academic calendar reviewed. We must make up 3 days from the hurricane and board approval to forgive the remaining 2 IF the Governor does not forgive those days. If the days ARE forgiven, the last day of school will be May 23rd. If not, the last day will be May 29th.</p> <p>Building concerns at present: The grass is a big concern with the uneven terrain. Front door issues have been resolved. Smart board circuits still have not been addressed.</p> <p>Air conditioning maintenance does not explicitly state changing the 60 filters every 90 days. The board requests this in writing prior to entering into the agreement.</p> <p>Fall Harvest Festival on November 14th weather pending. If it rains, it will be cancelled.</p> <p>Dismissal changes have not been implemented yet.</p> <p>23rd Annual SC Charter School Conference-Deirdre and several other faculty will be presenting on December 5th. There are 3 statewide authorized plus districts and all will be in attendance. This will be written into Title II money.</p> <p>PowerSchool updates: There was a charge for shared services with Summitt previously and this has been paid. Melissa is going to work with the institute to set up the enrollment portion. Will determine what we need versus what we have to pay for with the next contract.</p>

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13.	Sex Ed Course (Action)	<p>Reviewed Draw the Line, Respect the Line for 6th-8th grade. Students may opt out. Promotes abstinence. This would start after Christmas.</p> <p>Motion to proceed with the Draw the Line, Respect the Line sex education program for 6th through 8th grade by Amanda Moss 2nd by Mel Hahn. All in favor; Motion carries.</p>
14.	<p>Academic Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Report Card Ratings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Elementary https://screportcards.com/overview/?q=eT0yMDI0JnQ9RSZzaWQ9NDgwMTAwMg ○ Middle https://screportcards.com/overview/?q=eT0yMDI0JnQ9TSZzaWQ9NDgwMTAwMg • Institute Academic Showcase Awards • MAP Winter Assessment 	<p>Academic report-Math scores reviewed. Current Middle school math teacher is new to curriculum-Eureka math, and is teaching 2-6th grade glasses, 7th grade, and 8th grade regular and 8th grade Honors. Changes were put into place based on needs recognized to assist middle school math.</p> <p>Dierdre will develop a plan to address the report card ratings and a plan for this year to catch up students as needed. Discussion regarding dedicated assistant principal and curriculum coordinator. US test prep has Progress learning.</p> <p>One student with perfect score on MATH. Platinum for English and Math elementary top 25%. Gold for middle school for the top 25% in English.</p> <p>MAP Winter Assessments will be done in December.</p>
15.	<p>Executive Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal Claims <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SEC Subpoena • Contractual Matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cintas Contract ○ Lease agreement • Personnel Matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Employee A-Leave Request ○ Faculty/Staff Compensation ○ Long-Term Substitutes Hiring ○ 2024/2025 Faculty/Staff Hiring 	<p>Motion to move into Executive Session by Angie King, 2nd by Amanda Moss; All in favor. Motion carries.</p>
		<p>Motion to move out of Executive Session by Blake Cooper, 2nd by Zack MacInnis; All in favor. Motion carries.</p>
16.	Possible action item(s) from the Executive Session	<p>Motion to hire candidate A as discussed during executive session Angie King 2nd by Blake Cooper. All in favor; Motion carries.</p>

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17.	Miscellaneous/Other from the Board	
	Next Meeting	The next meeting will be held Monday December 9 th , 2024, in the BPA conference room at 6 p.m.
		Motion to adjourn at 9:56 p.m. by Angie King; 2 nd by Amanda Moss. All in favor; Motion carries.

Action Plan			
No.	Action Item(s)	Owner	Target Date
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Board Member Signatures		
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