



**MINUTES
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY SCHOOLS
Charlottesville-Albemarle Technical Education Center Auditorium
Wednesday, April 19, 2017 (4:00 PM)**

1.1 Call to Order: Board Chair Juandiego Wade called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

2.1 Roll Call:

The following Board Members were present:

Dr. Adam Hastings	Dr. Sherry Kraft
Ms. Amy Laufer	Ms. Jennifer McKeever
Mr. Ned Michie	Ms. Leah Puryear
Mr. Juandiego Wade	

The following Board Members were absent:

Ms. Fré Halvorson-Taylor, Student Representative
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The following Staff Members were absent:

Dr. Rosa Atkins	Mr. James Henderson
Mr. Ed Gillaspie	Dr. Kendra King
Mr. Jeff Faust	Ms. Kim Powell
Ms. Jennifer Herring	Ms. Carole Nelson
Ms. Leslie Thacker	

The following Staff Members were absent:

None

3.1 Approval of Proposed Agenda: Dr. Hastings made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kraft, to approve the proposed agenda. Upon a roll-call vote being taken, the motion carried with Dr. Hastings, Dr. Kraft, Ms. McKeever, Mr. Michie, Ms. Puryear, and Mr. Wade voting yes. 6 ayes, 0 nays. Ms. Laufer was not present for this vote.

4.1 2017-2023 Strategic Planning: Jeff Faust, Director of Technology, and Beth Cheuk, Community Relations Liaison, presented a draft of the 2017-2023 Strategic Plan for Charlottesville City Schools for review and feedback.

Items highlighted included:

- Our Process
 - Analysis and Planning
 - Community Engagement
 - Evaluation and Analysis
 - Establish Goals and Objectives
 - Identify and Outline Initiatives
- Community Engagement
 - Community Meetings and Feedback
 - At least one student group at all schools, including Lugo-McGinness Academy
 - At least one listening session at all schools, including ESL class at Adult Learning Center

- Community events, such as Friendship Court, Soul Feast, Sin Barreras Help Fair
 - Visits to school staff meetings ▫ Meetings with leadership groups such as coordinators, coaches, principals, teachers
 - Topical groups for social services partners, nutrition and wellness parents and partners, Chamber of Commerce, Curry School
 - Online survey, informal conversations & emails
- CCS Values
 - Agency
 - Authenticity
 - Character
 - Community
 - Creativity
 - Diversity
 - Equity
 - Excellence
 - Imagination
 - Innovation
 - Stewardship
 - Well-being
- Three Focus Areas
 - Academic Excellence
 - Safe and Supportive Schools
 - Organizational Supports
- Focus Areas and Goals
 - **Academic Excellence:** Learning will be equitable, student-centered, and focused on developing life-ready citizens
 - **Safe and Supportive Schools:** Our learning communities will foster social, emotional, and physical wellness
 - **Organizational Supports:** Our systems and processes will enable students, staff, and schools to thrive

Mr. Wade noted the importance of a continued focus on bullying prevention, safety at bus stops as well as bus safety during their routes. Mr. Henderson noted that there should be clear differentiation between bullying and teasing.

Ms. McKeever noted the importance of identifying the distinction between the current strategic plan and the one in development and that she would like algebra readiness to be a high level goal.

There was discussion related to including rigour and what the definition of that is for Charlottesville City Schools as well as expanding Honors options classes to 7th and 8th grades.

The Board broke out into smaller work groups to discuss/add ideas to each Focus Area/Goals then came back together to share those ideas.

Dr. Atkins noted that the last strategic plan focused on closing the gaps and that this strategic plan is focused on what students need individually to help build an environment that focuses on SPED, minorities, ELL without identifying them in the wording of the plan.

There was discuss related to establishing an Equity Committee to help evaluate metrics on a macro level.

Dr. Hastings noted that he would like to see career connections language included in the Strategic Plan.


Mr. Michie suggested adding language related to supporting families such as events like Parent University or parent education opportunities. He also asked for a greater emphasis on the goal of graduation.

5.1 Work Session Wrap-Up: Mr. Faust and Ms. Cheuk will provide a list of changes.

6.1 Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.



Juandiego R. Wade, School Board Chair



Leslie Thacker, School Board Clerk