

Directors' Meeting
11.1.16 – 10:30 a.m.

Present:

Cartner
Lassiter
Sanders
Cox

Austin
Davenport
Ewers
Godfrey

Hawkins
Heath
Lane
Sawyer

Thompson
Whitehurst

Dr. Cartner opened the meeting.

Dr. Cartner shared that the Board of Education would meet in Joint Session with the Board of Commissioners tonight (Pasquotank Elementary School Media Center, 5:30 Dinner, 6:00 Meeting). The Board of Commissioners requested a “report card” on how the district is doing. A PowerPoint has been created that will highlight several indicators from last year to this year and will make Commissioners aware of future needs such as the next step in 1:1 and most importantly the impact of potential legislative changes in class size requirements.

Dr. Cartner discussed the legislative changes in class requirements and the impact on ECPPS. As the changes are in current legislation, the district could need an additional 20 teachers. He discussed the options available to the district and indicated they would be to (1) secure additional local funding, (2) look at expanding class sizes in grades 4-12; (3) eliminate any classes that are not core classes. He discussed budget timelines for local districts/counties and indicated the district could face significant issues in March in if the General Assembly does not make changes shortly after they return in January 2017. He indicated all districts would be impacted and he felt many local boards would communicate the stark reality of the legislation to their representatives.

Dr. Cartner reported that Sawyer has been attending quite a few community events/meetings recently. Last night she participated in the “Trunk or Treat” sponsored by the ECPD.

Sawyer reported that the ECPD “Trunk or Treat” was a great event and a large number of children attended. She also attended events held by Perry Auto Mall on Friday and Newland United Methodist community outreach on Saturday. She indicated they were all good, safe, wholesome events.

Cartner asked for comments.

Davenport reported that she is receiving good feedback from the poverty training held on 10.31.16. Surveys were sent to teachers yesterday by Lane and approximately 200 responses have been received as of today. She reported that the elementary teachers were excited about “stress baskets” provided to them by Title I.

Lane indicated the survey on poverty training will be available for teachers to respond for a few more days and then he will share the responses. The majority are positive at this point.

Sawyer shared that McKinney-Vento (homeless students) information and “Backpacks for Students” information will be shared at the PMCE meeting on Wednesday, November 2nd.

Godfrey shared that seven pallets of Chromebooks (approximately 1200) are scheduled for delivery today.

Dr. Cartner commented on a personnel issue involving a PCHS teacher that has been in the news and indicated that comments shared by the district were crafted by the board attorney.

Sanders indicated Pauley & Cowell were on a conference call with officials from AdvancEd and were unable to attend the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.