

**Directors' Meeting**  
**9.5.17 – 10:30 a.m.**

**Present:**

Cartner  
Lassiter  
Sanders  
Cox

Davenport  
Flach  
Godfrey  
Lassiter

Parker  
Sawyer  
Thompson

Dr. Cartner provided an update on 4<sup>th</sup> day student enrollment:

K-12=5513; PreK-12=5652

DPI projected allotment was based on 5714 for K-12 (*need to grow 102 more students in order to not lose funding and 201 more to meet projected enrollment*)

Dr. Cartner remarked that the 2017-18 school year is off to a good start, other than the forecasted weather which caused schools to close on 8.28.17 and the threat of Hurricane Irma for next week (*too early to know if it will impact area*). He discussed options to make up the instructional hours missed on 8.29.17 or using banked hours in the calendar.

Dr. Cartner reported that board members will attend the NCSBA Fall District Meeting on 9.6.17 in Greenville, NC.

Dr. Cartner reminded everyone of the PMCE meeting scheduled for Wednesday, 9.6.17, 8:30 a.m.

The following information was shared/discussed:

Sanders discussed School Performance Grades being released on Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. She reported that conversations with principals have taken place and plans are in place to address concerns. A press release will be done to share the information. Dr. Cartner indicated that based on preliminary information two schools will drop a letter grade and he has asked principals of all schools to send a letter home talking about the scores and what the school has in place to address issues.

Sawyer reported that a Parent Academy is scheduled for 9.23.17 and will be held at Central Elementary School.

Sawyer reported that “Lunch & Learn” meetings with area realtors will be held this year to provide information about the school system that they can share with customers and the community. The first meeting will be held on 9.14.17. Dr. Cartner shared that Summary Sheets with specific information for each school have been created and will be shared with realtors (and the Community). He advised directors to have copies on hand to share.

Sawyer shared that the Parent/Community Advisory (Advocacy) Council will meet in October, January and April. One parent from each school, City&County representatives and community partners will serve on the council.

Sanders reported that CTE Director James-Davis was not present at the meeting due to a meeting with a local company to discuss CTE internships.

Sanders reported on NCVPS participation and support for students.

Sanders reported on Sheila Hughes (NHS teacher) submitting and receiving approval for a CTE pathway for nursing students.

Sawyer reported that the EC BackPacks Program is up and running and will serve the school district and community. They recently learned of receipt of a \$25,000 Community Foundation Grant. The group anticipates providing backpacks of food for 200 students per weekend.

Davenport reported that in an effort to increase participation a staff member is being added to the Family Community Center.

Sanders reported that Godfrey helped get schools ready for 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade “Beginning of Grade” testing which is scheduled for 9.12.17.

Flach shared that Ex. Ch. Specific Learning Focused sessions have been scheduled to help meld EC with regular education.

Sanders reported that dates for Learning Focused principal walkthroughs have been scheduled and plans are in place to train new teachers on Year 1 and Year 2. There was discussion about expectations vs. excuses. Dr. Cartner indicated that he has discussed with principals that “*but I am a new teacher*” is something that new teachers do not have the luxury of saying this year – they need to have the “can do” mindset.

There was discussion about “Train the Trainer” for principals and coaches. Plans will be made to provide the training for

new school-level instructional coaches.

Thompson reported that School Nutrition participation rates got off to a slow start but they are increasing daily. He also shared that the Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Grant Program will be implemented at Pasquotank Elementary School this year and will begin at the end of September.

The meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.