



COMMODORE CONYERS
COLLEGE & CAREER
ACADEMY

Board of Directors
Wednesday, August 12, 2020
5:00 P.M.
Via Google Meets
DRAFT MINUTES

Members Present: Chandu Kuntawala, Ronnie Lee, Dr. Emmett Griswold, Pastor Daniel Simmons, AL Fleming, Barry Carr

Members Absent: Tom Sullivan, Lt Col Don Gray, Virginia Parker

Ex-Officio Present: Doug Bell, Jake Reese, Len Housley, Trent Blalock, Jason Miller, Col Michael Fitzgerald

Staff Present: Chris Hatcher, CEO
Angie Gardner, Principal
Kerry Joiner, Administrative Assistant

Call to Order and Welcome:

- Mr. Kuntawala convened the meeting at 5.05 p.m.

Consideration of the January 8, 2020 minutes:

- Motion to approve made by: Barry Carr
- Motion seconded by: AL Fleming
- The minutes were approved as submitted.

Introductions:

- Mr. Kuntawala introduced and welcomed newly appointed MCLB Commanding Officer, Colonel Michael J. Fitzgerald and Dr. Jason Miller, Superintendent of the Lee County School System to the 4C Academy Board as ex-officio members.

COVID Updates:

- Mr. Dyer, Superintendent of the Dougherty County School System gave an update on the Responsible Restart Plan. He shared that the restart plan initially had parents being able to choose an online or campus model but, as conditions changed in Dougherty County, the plan was changed to virtual instruction.
- Dr. Griswold, Vice President of Student Affairs at Albany Technical college shared that instruction will occur in a flexible mix of in-person, remote, and online instruction with all classes delivered 100% online or in a web-enhanced format. In-person instruction will take place for courses with laboratory requirements.
- AL Fleming, Vice President of Institutional Advancement and Executive Director of the ASU Foundation, shared that Albany State University is using a hybrid format that requires all students participate in the face-to-face and virtual component online.
- Doug Bell, Superintendent of the Terrell County School System shared that the start of the school year will include a hybrid and virtual start.
- Dr. Justin Miller, Lee County School System, advised that the school system will allow a virtual or hybrid format.
- Mr. Hatcher shared that the 4C Academy is following the Dougherty County School System guidelines.

Monthly CEO/Staff Update:

Chris Hatcher

- Mr. Hatcher shared that MathCorps, a program that's been in place for 2 years to help Georgia youth become proficient in math is about to begin its 3rd year virtually. The program is focused on improving the math skills of students in grades 4th – 6th.
- Mr. Hatcher discussed the recent Legislative changes made to dual enrollment and shared new plans to work on industry certifications.
- Mr. Hatcher gave a summary of the GroupUp projects students participated in on Fridays. Students were able to build a garden, grow food, develop a robot for trash pick-up in parking lots, help rebuild parts of Chehaw and so much more.
- Mr. Hatcher announced that the 4C Foundation was able to provide two scholarships for students in welding programs.
- Our internship program had another successful year with students participating in various internships.
- In looking ahead at the school year, Mr. Hatcher made the following announcements:
 - The 4C Academy is working on a plan to introduce teachers to the 4C Academy students through social media.
 - Several grants have been applied for by the 4C Foundation. The 4C Foundation recently learned that a grant with Georgia Tech/NASA and a grant with the Rotary Club of Albany have been awarded.

- Mr. Hatcher announced the 4C Academy's plan to begin an Agri-Business pathway.

Principal Update:

Angie Gardner

- Ms. Gardner shared that as we begin our 4th year, many of our students that began with us will be receiving associates degrees this fall.
- Ms. Gardner introduced a new class being offered to students this school year, Oral Communications. The 4C Academy students will now have the opportunity to study the importance of oral communication, financial literacy and take a personality test to help them determine their interests

Chairman Report:

Chandu Kuntawala

- There was no further business.

Foundation Update:

Jake Reese

- Jake Reese, Chairman of the 4C Foundation provided an update on fundraising efforts being made by the 4C Foundation Board. Mr. Reese shared that prior to March the 4C Foundation hosted several onsite meetings allowing area businesses to hear about the 4C Academy. Through fundraising, the 4C Foundation was able to help support several 4C Academy programs and determine internship opportunities. The campaign was suspended due to COVID, but will resume as soon as it's safe to do so.

Other Business:

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman


