

Meeting Agenda

Monday, December 14th

6:01 p.m. – 7:05 p.m.

Attendees:

Alan Barnes – 2XSalt
Khalia Braswell – Alumni
Erika Shorty – Youth Business Connectors
Donald Hall – IBM (Parent)

Anna London – Charlotte Works
Robert Mahoney – City of Charlotte
Kim Weaver – Compass Solutions
Paula Brown – Academy Coordinator

The meeting began at 6:01 p.m. in Room 107. A welcome and introduction by the Academy Coordinators (Ms. Bell, Ms. Brown & Dr. Glover) started the meeting. Ms. Brown explained that everyone would begin their meeting in Room 107, but each academy would go to a different room after the welcome. Ms. Bell directed the Academy of Health Science attendees to Room 103 and indicated that the Academy of Engineering attendees would stay in Room 107. The Academy of Information Technology (IT) attendees would go to room 112. At approximately 6:05 p.m. the IT meeting began.

Ms. Brown read the expectations, vision, and mission of Phillip O. Berry Academy of Technology for the 2015-2016 school year. She explained the principal's goal to have students "Next Step Ready". An overview of the IT academy was shared. There are 343 students, 105 seniors, 102 juniors, 131 sophomores and zero freshmen. Freshman must declare an academy in March or April of 2016. Each academy is doing different things to appeal to the freshman. The IT department offers two technology afterschool clubs to students. They are the Technology Club run by Mr. Johnson of the Drive Program which meets on Tuesday's and Digital Connectors sponsored by the Urban League which meets on Tuesday's and Thursday's. The IT department is making plans to offer Microsoft Office Specialist certifications to students in 2016.

Each attendee received a folder with NAF Board roles & responsibilities. It was explained that one of the main reasons we were meeting was to select persons to serve in positions on the Advisory Board. Attendees were asked to look at each position to familiarize themselves with the responsibilities. The first position to fill was the Advisory Board Chairperson (Chair or Co-Chair). Ms. London and Mr. Hall offered to serve as Co-Chair's. There were no volunteers to serve as the Advisory Board Secretary. The position of Advisory Board Treasurer was filled by Ms. Weaver & Mr. Mahoney. Ms. Kennedy, the principal arrived at 6:30 p.m. to welcome all the attendees. She explained that she was attending each of the three different advisory board meetings and the Athletic banquet. She asked each attendee to reintroduce themselves and their organization. She explained the purpose of the board and thanked everyone for participating. She explained that the IT academy was the first academy at Phillip O. Berry in 2002. Ms. Braswell stated that Ms. Kennedy was the IT Coordinator when she was a student at Phillip O. Berry. After Ms. Kennedy left, the board discussed the bylaws. Mr. Hall suggested creating a method for the board to communicate; something like a message board/blog. The membership on the board was suggested to go for one year; July 1 until August 31, this would allow for overlap (to bring new members in). The board must meet at least four times a year. The next board meeting was suggested for the 25th of January. Mr. Barnes stated that January 25th was a teacher workday. The board will meet on January 26th at 6:00 p.m. Ms. Shorty volunteered to serve on the Work-Based Learning Committee. The next meeting will include needs of the school to help the board direct their focus.

The meeting concluded at 7:05 p.m.