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COMMUNITY SCHOOL

ECU Community School Advisory Board

February 13, 2025

9:00-11:00 a.m.

The hybrid meeting was held in Speight 203 and via Teams.

Attendance: Dr. Andre Green, Dr. Elizabeth Swaggerty, Dr. Rita Soulen, Dr. Kimberly Anderson, Ms. Karson Hallow, Mr. Robert Moore, Dr. Vanessa Reyes, Mr. CJ Click-Kimber, Ms. Tracy Cole, Ms. Jo Melnyk, Ms. Meagan Thornton

Dr. Green called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

The minutes from the November meeting were approved. Mr. Moore motioned to approve the minutes. Dr. Swaggerty seconded.

The meeting agenda was approved. Mr. Moore motioned to approve the agenda. Dr. Anderson seconded.

There were no requests for Public Expression.

Updates to the Board

Financial Update. Ms. Thornton presented the Budget Report. The school is on target to expend funds for SY 2024-2025.

ECU Community School Budget Report - February 2025			
Funding Source	Budget	Budget/Revenue Collected to Date	Expenses Year to Date
State and Local ADM	\$1,170,398	\$533,842	\$678,213
Federal Funds	\$107,905	\$48,345	\$48,345
UNC System Office	\$478,898	\$474,898	\$145,593
ECU Recurring	\$155,552	\$15,341	\$15,341

ECU Recurring (LI)	\$69,906	\$40,779	\$40,779
ECU Non-Recurring	\$144,050	\$139,147	\$139,147
Total Funding	\$2,126,709	\$1,252,352	\$1,067,417

Legal Update. There was no legal update. Mr. Click- Kimber briefly discussed the PowerSchool breach which was a third-party breach.

Operational Update. Ms. Cole presented the operational update.

The October Consolidated Federal Programs Monitoring visit, which occurs on a four-year cycle. The follow-up report indicates that the school met all statutory requirements.

An announced lock down drill practice session took place on November 19, 2024. Pitt County Schools Facility Services personnel were on hand as well as the ECU Police Department. Communications were sent to parents.

Remote Learning Days took place on Jan 22, 23, and 24. Teachers sent work packets home with students on January 17. Teachers and assistants contacted scholars and families to offer assistance.

The school was impacted by a cybersecurity breach in PowerSchool through a third party, which could not have been prevented by any public-school unit. School leaders have been in communication with the office of assessment and NCDPI regarding this breach. The Advisory Board was provided with a handout providing more information and next steps. The handout was also provided to school faculty. PowerSchool has entered into an agreement with Experian to provide adult students and educators with complimentary credit monitoring services which people will need to opt into. Information is provided for adults 18 and over as well as individuals under 18 years. This breach impacted multiple school districts across North Carolina including Pitt County Schools, other lab schools, as well as the Community School. Mr. Click-Kimber commented that this was a global incident with 2 million people involved, including 312,000 employees across North Carolina public school units.

The school had a visit from two NCDPI special programs consultants to monitor administration of the Fresh Fruits and Vegetables grant program which provides fresh fruits and vegetables for Community School scholars outside of their regular breakfast and lunch time.

The Greenville Fire and Rescue Department conducted the spring fire inspection on February 5, which indicated the need in Rm 44A to place an emergency exit sign and to remove a desk near an emergency exit window for clearance.

Dr. Green commented that over the past 4-5 years the school has been operating without an Executive Director. Ms. Cole has been acting in both duties. The COE conducted a search, and Ms. Cole was selected as Executive Director of the Community School, beginning February 1. The search for a new principal will have criticality forthcoming soon.

Personnel Update. There have been no resignations since the last advisory board meeting. The 2025-26 Personnel Intent Forms have been submitted to teachers and staff to plan for the upcoming school year. One employee may retire. Dr. Green added that a search is in the process for an administrative assistant for the community school.

Principal's Update. Enrollment includes 106 scholars.

As a staff spotlight, Ms. Cole highlighted the integrated health collaborative team which includes a full-time school counselor, Ms. Nedra Bruner Jones and a full-time social worker, Ms. Christian Backman, both working under the guidance of Dr. Jason Perry in ECU Counselor Education. They have been accepted to present at the NC Counseling Association Conference in February.

The after-school tutorial program kicked off the first week in February with 30 K-5 scholars who are receiving additional support in math and reading.

Science Olympiad Team (15) is also staying after for enrichment support. A total of 45 students (40% of enrollment) stay after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week for enrichment or remedial support. Pitt County Schools provides snacks and transportation home at the end of after school program which will run through May.

READ 3501 will be taught at the Community School under the direction of Dr. Tanya Christ who is the Spangler Distinguished Professor of Early Literacy, and Dr. Christiana Kfour. This course will meet on Mondays and Tuesdays from 1:00-4:00 pm. They will work with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade classes and with teachers on literacy.

The mid-year DIBELS middle of the year reading assessment has been administered to all scholars.

The Quarterly Benchmark has been administered for grades 3, 4, and 5 for reading and math and science.

One student is identified as an English Language Learner and has taken the EL Access test. ELL services and assessment are provided and administered by Pitt County Schools.

Several campus visits have been in the works. On December 9th, three potential donors visited the school to discuss potential partnerships. On February 5th, representatives of Wayne County Public Library visited. They are setting up a learning studio in this public library and were

interested in incorporating the community school's practices into their learning studio. The WCPL visitors will make further plans and set up additional time to consult. The school is also preparing for a visit from the University of Central Florida who are preparing to start their first university assisted community school. They will be visiting March 31- April 1.

Ms. Cole presented an update on the 2025-2028 AIG Plan. The timeline includes plan writing for school years 2024-2025. Working with Dr. Angela Novak, this draft plan is a tremendous undertaking therefore additional time is needed. The plan will be submitted to the Advisory Board for approval by May 2025. It will be submitted to NCDPI by June 2025. The plan will be implemented for SYs 2025-2028. There has been support with plan writing through regional meetings and guidance from Dr. Jack Naglieri.

Coming school wide events include a February 20 Black History Program, "Trailblazing Through Time: The Story of Black History". Advisory Board members are invited. Parent Conference Evening will be March 5. There will be a field trip for K-2 scholars at the NC Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores on March 7 and a field trip for 3-5 scholars at Discover Place Science Museum in Charlotte, NC on March 14. Parents Arts Night will be Mar 27. Middle School Registration Night will be April 24.

Discussion Items. Some books from local authors are available for the scholars' reading time or for read aloud days. Ms. Cole can communicate with the authors.

Action Items. There were no action items.

Closing Comments. Dr. Green is looking forward to closing out the school year with end of year assessments. He is committed to making the Community School a model school. Board meetings at state level have recognized the Community School as up and coming school. Dr. Green expects to maintain current growth. He noted that the College of Education is integrating courses within the Community School for learning literacy while also looking for other ways to involve the university community with the Community School.

There was a motion to adjourn 9:30 am Mr. Moore motioned. Dr. Swaggerty seconded. Meeting adjourned 9:30 am.

Next meeting: May 8, 2025, 9:00 a.m., Speight 203 and via Teams