**Huntersville Charter High School BOD Meeting Minutes**

**Location:** Dale’s residence and Zoom call – Remote meeting
**Date:** February 16, 2021

**Time:** 9:30 – 11:00

**In Attendance**

Chair - Jim Secunda

Vice Chair – Dale Halton

Treasurer – Lauren Nicholson

Executive Director Aspire Carolinas – Jennifer Nichols

Secretary – Sarah McAulay

**Agenda Items**

1. **Review of meeting minutes (last month)**

Meeting minutes approved.

1. **Trade High School**

## Jeff Pariano – He is a banker that worked with Jennifer on Discovery Place Kids and a friend of Ann Cesena who would like to help us. He gave Jennifer some information on groups that finance buildings for non-profits. The non-profit then leases the building back from the financers and then the building is ultimately given to the non-profit. It is called a sale leaseback. He recommended we go back to the business (not Foundation) side of Lowes to see if they are interested in helping us. He has some contacts at Lowes and will get back to us. Lauren agrees we should re-engage Lowes on both the Foundation and business side.

1. CR Gittere – He races in motor sports and owns a company that does repair software for 1200 motorcycle shops. He thinks motorcycle repair and body shop repair could be good vocational tracks for our students. If we pursue body shop repair BASF (they make autobody paint) could be a good link for us. He would potentially do a lab at our school and would have connections for job placement for the students after graduation.
2. Ann Cesena (Lincoln County) – Ann is still trying to connect us with TIMCON. Lincoln County is not interested in partnering with us at this time because we are too far away. She is trying to get us some other contacts also.
3. **Donor Update/Opportunities**

## Jennifer, Dale and Jim are meeting with Dan Bishop at the school this Friday to give him a tour of the Halton School and charter school project site. Dale and Jim met Dan for coffee a few weeks ago to discuss the trade high school. He has some connections to big donors and could possibly connect us with them.

1. Marcus Smith – Jim still wants to try and set up a meeting. He would like to do it after the meeting with Dan Bishop this Friday. He feels the meeting request would have more weight if Dan is attending too. He also thinks bringing Felix Sabates to the meeting could be positive.
2. Felix Sabates – Dale called him. He will not be able to meet until May.
3. Chris William – Dale has called him.
4. Pat McCrory – Dale will reach out to him again. They were supposed to schedule Jennifer to be on Pat’s radio show and they never got back to Jennifer with a date.
5. Whitlock Builders – They have worked on projects for Dale. She will reach out to them.
6. Frank Bragg – Dale will reach out to him.
7. Phillip Blumenthal – Dale will reach out to him.
8. Bill Brawley – Dale will try and get his phone number and reach out to him.
9. Novant leadership team (Foundation) – The board has no connections to any of them. Lauren will reach out to Dianne Bailey to see if she has any connection to help us get a meeting.
10. **Schedule next meeting**

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 16th at Dale’s residence.