

## **Charter Application Review Committee**

### **Meeting Minutes Friday May 6, 2022**

#### **Present**

CRC Members: Denise Cantalupo, Millie Wheeler, Al Harayda, Tripp Jennings, Tara Tahmosh, Christa Curtner, Danielle Schwied, Stephanie Vlahakis, Jamie Rodriguez, Meggyn Holliday, Rob Macaluso, Amy Anderson, Regina Foss, Valerie Maggi, Rick Lamberson, Joe Binswanger, Jason Overbay, and Charlotte Price

The Charter Review Committee meeting convened at 10:00 am. Mille Wheeler read the following statement for the members of the public in attendance. "Today's discussion will be among the members of the Committee and those from the district support team who may be asked to provide supporting information to the CRC. Members of the public are welcome to attend CRC meetings and, if they wish to address any issues raised here today, they may present their comments to the School Board before the School Board takes any action on this application."

Dr. Denise Cantalupo reviewed the steps of the application process that have already occurred. The initial evaluation was submitted to the Sarasota County School Board (SCSB), the SCSB interviewed the applicant and members of Charter Schools USA. The capacity interview was held but because FCEF had not responded to our initial evaluation at the time of the interview, it was difficult to ask clarifying questions for the final evaluation. Dr. Cantalupo, Mille Wheeler, and Kelli Anderson have met with Sarasota County School Board attorney, Patrick Duggan, to ensure we are following statute regarding a high performing replication charter application. The CRC's job is to provide our final evaluation to the superintendent prior the Sarasota County School board meeting on June 7, 2022 so Dr. Asplen can make a recommendation to the SCSB.

A CRC member asked if we needed to go through the evaluation since based on the statute for high replication charters and Clay Charter Academy was designated as a High Performing school in 2019. Dr. Cantalupo stated that it is the CRC's obligation to evaluate the application and determine that the application does meet all the criteria of the statute.

The CRC review went over Section 1, Education Plan. The members commented the Education Model is used at all the Charter USA schools. The reading plan submitted in the application is the same as the one used by Clay Charter Academy (CCA). A concern was expressed that there was no detailed information CCA's education plan in the FCEF response.

The CRC feels that the demographics for the proposed CPAWP school are different than the demographics of Clay Charter Academy. CRC has continued concerns that the issues that the Clay County district found were not addressed other than the comment that they felt the issues would be found unwarranted.

It was decided we would go back to Section 4 in the next meeting. A question was raised that school CSUSA runs many schools today so why wouldn't they know which tests they were using. The goals listed in the application are unrealistic, and the authorizer will only accept criterion type goals.

CRC felt that the applicant did not respond sufficiently to Section 6. The applicant did not respond to the questions related to the Clay County district visit to CCA which is worrisome to the CRC. Section 7 did provide elaborate information however, there was no evidence to refute the CCA findings by Clay County. In Section 8, CPAWP's code of conduct is vague in addressing students with special needs. Sections 9 and 10 met the legal requirements.

Next meeting the charter review committee will finish the final evaluations. Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm. Next meeting will be Friday May 20 ,2022 09:00am on zoom.