

## **Charter Application Review Committee**

### **Meeting Minutes Friday May 20, 2022**

#### **Present**

CRC Members: Denise Cantalupo, Millie Wheeler, Al Harayda, Christa Curtner, Danielle Schwied, Kelly Ellington, Jamie Rodriguez, , Rob Macaluso, Amy Anderson, Regina Foss, Valerie Maggi, Rick Lamberson, Joe Binswanger, and Jason Overbay.

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."

The CRC review team went over the Section 4, Curriculum Plan. The CRC was not unable to obtain the Clay County Charter course codes to review. The elementary curriculum director had her questions answered that had been asked in the initial findings report.

The committee has a major concern with staffing. No detailed information was provided to our initial evaluation questions regarding the out of field teachers at Clay Charter Academy. The response was that they would "attempt" to be in compliance.

The committee believes that the applicant will have a difficult time recruiting students with no transportation provided. It will not promote diversity in recruiting students with no transportation and this area historically has high bus ridership. Although the applicant states "choice" has worked in its other schools with no transportation provided, the committee doesn't feel it will work.

The applicant copied the law for Section 19, so it meets the standard however they did not answer many of the CRC questions. Section 20 includes grant revenue for Tittle 1. Based on the location of the proposed school, it would highly unlikely that the students of this school would qualify for Title 1 grant dollars especially with no transportation provided. There were several discrepancies in revenues and expenses that could cause an issue with the school's ability to maintain an adequate revenue.

When asked about a documented backup plan if the applicant were to terminate the relationship with CSUSA, the response referred to a clause in the contract that states that it can be done. No detailed plan was provided.

Dr. Cantalupo and Mrs. Wheeler thanked the committee for their time and hard work on this project and ended the meeting at 12pm.

