D.C. VIRGO PREPARATORY ACADEMY
CHANCELLOR’S ADVISORY BOARD

October 23, 2019

The D.C. Virgo Preparatory Academy Chancellor’s Advisory Board held the second meeting of the 2019-2020 school year on October 23, 2019 at 12pm in the Media Center of the campus of D.C. Virgo Preparatory Academy. Dean Van Dempsey called the meeting to order, and read the required statement from the State Government Ethics Act.

DEAN’S WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF APPOINTED MEMBERS

Dean Dempsey welcomed all members of the Advisory Board and other guests. He acknowledged the attendance of the following appointed members in attendance: Gidget Kidd, Bill Sterrett, Donyell Roseboro, Mike Webb, and Jana Jones Halls. Additional attendees were Chancellor Sartarelli, Provost Marilyn Scherer, Principal Hill-Black, Jodi Hebert, and Steve Miller.

REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST 8, 2019

Minutes were reviewed. Dr. Sterrett made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion received a second from Ms. Jana Jones Hall and the minutes were adopted unanimously.

STATE OF THE SCHOOL UPDATE

Principal Hill-Black and Dr. Sterrett overviewed the goals and progress of D.C. Virgo School. Our overall score was a 38, our growth score was 69, and our achievement score was 31. We have increased our students from 147 (Grades 6-8 the prior year) to 214 (Grades K-8 in Year 1). Discussion on how we determine our successes: from innovation to formative data “check ins” that will provide insights on reading and math; teachers are able to get specific data on specific students to inform teaching.

PERSONNEL UPDATE

Sabrina noted enrollment is relatively stable at 212. One recent vacancy was created by a 5th grade teacher leaving; Ms. Hebert is serving as search committee chair. One new TA has been hired.

PLAYGROUND UPDATE

The playground has been installed and Dr. Sterrett, Ms. Hebert, and Dr. Kathy Fox are considering grant-funding opportunities.

UPDATES ON SCHOOL FOCUS- PILLARS/PLC STRUCTURE

Sabrina overviewed the four pillars: Literacy; School-Community Resilience; Multi-tiered System of Supports and Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (MTSS/PBIS); and Literacy. Sabrina
provided updates on professional development that occurred during the intercession. Current mCLASS data show, at the beginning of the year, that most students are below grade level in reading and math proficiency; hence the focus on both proficiency and growth is key. Highlights include: relevant learning (inquiry-based learning); learning “outside the walls” (campus visits, collaboration with stakeholders); data (academic, behavior, attendance of staff and teachers; publications with faculty and staff; teachers); learner outcomes tied to state standards, and Faculty-in-Residence.

SCHOOL POLICY UPDATE

Assistant General Counsel Steven Miller provided school policy update regarding “code of ethics and standards for professional conduct.” Principal Hill-Black thought that this was helpful as it was modeled after state language and Human Resources agreed. This, and all policies, are available on the DCVPA website. The Parent Handbook is now available as well; issues such as attendance are outlined within the handbook. The UNC System has adopted the minors’ policy; this will impact the K-8 school; additional training and background checks may be aligned with new contracts.

OPEN FORUM

We discussed how to best define DCVPA’s success. From reduced referrals to greater student engagement, we need to consider how to tell our story. Conversations this year are much more focused on instruction and specific student achievement levels; know that there are both processes and relationships in place. Representative Craig Horn will visit the school and University on November 7th.

CONFIRMED 2020 QUARTERLY MEETING DATES

January 22, 2020 12:00 to 2:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned as Gidget Kidd moved to adjourn and Jana Jones Halls seconded.

[Signatures]

Chairman

Secretary