

Agenda Request Form

Cherokee County School District

Meeting Date
March 16, 2017

Agenda Item Number
A-8

Title
Approval of Partnership Agreements
Requested Action
School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Partnership Agreements with Give a Kid a Chance and Renewal of the Partnership Agreement with the Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce
Summary Explanation and Background
<p>One of the School Board's Major System Priorities is increasing parental and community involvement through public engagement policies and practices that treat parents, businesses, community-based organizations and agencies, local institutions of higher learning and other public entities as true partners in the educational process.</p> <p>The School Board is requested to consider the Superintendent's recommendation to approve a Partnership Agreement with Give a Kid a Chance, a past CCSD Partner, and renewal of the Partnership Agreement with the Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce.</p>
Major System Priority
Increasing parental and community involvement
Financial Impact
N/A
Exhibits: (List)
Draft Agreement Attached

Board Action
<i>(For Official School Board Records Only)</i>

Source of Additional Information
<small>Dr. Brian V. Hightower 770.704.4202 Barbara Jacoby 770.704.4228</small>

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Approved in Open Board Meeting on: _____ (Date)

By: _____ (School Board Chairman)

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

AND

GIVE A KID A CHANCE – CHEROKEE, INC.

This agreement entered into on this 16th day of March, 2017 by and between The Cherokee County Board of Education, hereinafter referred to as the “School Board”

And

Give a Kid a Chance – Cherokee Inc.

WHEREAS, the School Board’s mission is to educate the emerging generation through learning environments designed to increase the performance of all students; and,

WHEREAS, one of the School Board’s Major System Priorities is to increase parental and community involvement through public engagement policies and practices that treat parents, businesses, community-based organizations and agencies, local institutions of higher learning and other public entities as true partners in the educational process; and,

WHEREAS, Give a Kid a Chance is sponsored by members of Cherokee County’s Community of Faith; and,

WHEREAS, Give a Kid a Chance provides Cherokee County’s children with supplies needed to begin a new school year; and,

Now therefore in consideration of the covenants and conditions set forth herein the parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

The parties agree that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference:

ARTICLE II

The School Board will:

1. Promote Give a Kid a Chance programs and events through existing communication channels, as permitted by School Board policy.
2. Continue to provide use, as space permits, of two mobile classrooms at ACE Academy for storage at no charge.
3. Provide the use of and access to CCSD's teacher resource center.
4. Allow applications to be made available to school counselors and other appropriate parties and copies to be made for eligible children.
5. If needed, allow the event to be held in a CCSD facility with special consideration to be given to waiving applicable fees.
6. Explore/pursue joint grant opportunities in both parties' best interest.

ARTICLE III

Give a Kid a Chance will:

1. Contact the school counselors or other appropriate personnel to explain the purpose of the Give a Kid a Chance event and then electronically distribute application forms and information to those individuals.
2. Gather completed applications from schools to be used for registration for the event and contact the families with event information once registration is processed.
3. Conduct a Give a Kid a Chance event prior to the beginning of school so that Cherokee County school-age children who are registered to attend school will receive backpacks filled with school supplies, socks, underwear and like-new clothing appropriate for school. Children will also have the opportunity for vision, hearing and dental health screenings as well as other services that might include haircuts. All attending children can select books and stuffed animals.
4. Distribute classroom supplies (glue sticks, pencils, etc.) to Pre-K classes prior to the start of the new school year.
5. Explore/pursue joint grant opportunities in both parties' best interest.

6. Accept all children/interested participants for participation within its programs without regard to their gender, race, political affiliation, age, national origin or handicapping condition or any other discrimination recognized and prohibited by State or Federal Law. Children/participants with handicaps must be provided all necessary levels of supervision and must be included within the activities of the partnering organization. As a result of this partnership agreement, Ball Ground must adhere to all local, State or Federal laws regarding education.

7. Agree to hold harmless and indemnify the School Board against any claims, demands, losses or damages, including reasonable attorney's fees, which may arise as a result of this contract.

ARTICLE IV

The term of this contract is March 16, 2017 through March 16, 2018. This contract shall automatically renew for additional terms not to exceed five years unless either party notifies the other at least 60 days prior to renewal date.

ARTICLE V

This contract may be terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party with or without cause. All notice of this contract shall be given to the Superintendent of Cherokee County Schools at 110 Academy Street, Canton, Georgia 30114, and to Give a Kid a Chance at PO Box 471, Holly Springs, Georgia 30114.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have executed this document the first date referred to herein.

GIVE A KID A CHANCE – CHEROKEE,
INC.

THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD
OF EDUCATION

Cory A. Steinberg, President

By: Kyla Cromer, Chairman

By: Dr. Brian V. Hightower
Superintendent of Schools

Approved as to form:

Tom Roach, Esquire

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

AND

THE CHEROKEE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

This agreement entered into on this 16th day of March, 2017 ~~28th day of July, 2010~~ by and between The School Board of Cherokee County, Georgia hereinafter referred to as "School Board,"

And

The Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce, herein after referred to as "The Chamber."

WHEREAS, the School Board's mission is to educate the emerging generation through learning environments designed to increase the performance of all students ~~enable all students to become contributing citizens who can communicate effectively, gather and use information, make responsible decisions, and adapt to the challenges of the future, and~~

WHEREAS, one of the School Board's Major System Priorities is to increase parental and community involvement through public engagement policies and practices that treat parents, businesses, community-based organizations and agencies, local institutions of higher learning and other public entities as true partners in the educational process, and

WHEREAS, The Chamber wants its members to get more involved with educating children about business-management, workforce readiness, career skills, personal training and other issues; and,

WHEREAS, the methods for involvement are detailed in the Agreement below.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the covenants and conditions set forth herein the parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

The parties agree that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.

ARTICLE II

The Chamber will recruit members to assist with the Programs below:

1. Partners in Education Program

The Partners in Education Program encourages Chamber members to partner with schools. The Chamber will ensure that there are partners in the program for all public schools under the auspices of the School Board. The Chamber will recognize excellence in partnerships for both schools and businesses. The Board will ensure that each partnering school has as its point of contact a principal or other staff member administrator. The principal will participate with the Chamber's representative in a goal-setting session with business partners and cooperate with the Chamber in an evaluation of each partnership for that school, recognizing that each arrangement is intended and designed to increase student achievement and school effectiveness. The Chamber will provide assistance training to all principals, or his or her designated point of contact, and business partners involved in the Partners in Education Program.

~~2. Principal for a Day~~

~~The Chamber, through the Principal for a Day program will encourage increased awareness of public education among community leaders and further relationships between public schools and the larger community. Participants are provided the opportunity to learn first-hand about current educational issues, the changing roles of school administrators and the daily challenges facing educators, while offering principals the perspective and input of a person outside of the system.~~

~~3. New Teacher Welcome Bags~~

~~The Education Committee of The Chamber collects items to welcome new teachers into Cherokee County public schools. Bags are filled with donated school supplies from Chamber member businesses.~~

4. Teacher of the Year Recognition

~~During National Teacher Appreciation Week, the Education Committee of The Chamber provides the “Teacher of the Year” at each school with a goody bag filled with multiple \$10 gift certificates provided by Chamber member businesses.~~

5. Retired Faculty, Staff & Administrator Recognition

To show appreciation to retiring educators, administrators and staff, the Chamber, through business sponsorship support makes a donation for the purchase of books in the retirees’ honor to the Sequoyah Regional Library System. Books include a label noting it was given in honor of those educators, administrators and staff who retired during the previous school year.

6. Going Green Education

The Chamber will coordinate a recycling competition which provides environmental education resources ~~and presentations~~ to elementary school classes.

7. Career Fairs

The Chamber schedules business members to speak in each middle school in the county during a weeklong event which is designed to educate eighth-graders on career opportunities in Cherokee County

8. Teen Leadership Cherokee

Teen Leadership Cherokee open to 10th graders residing in Cherokee County and coordinated by The Chamber, is designed to identify and develop young leaders and to enhance their leadership ability through a series of in-depth programs.

9. Field Trips to Businesses

Members of The Chamber would serve as guides through their businesses to help students to understand the importance of economic development and workplace issues.

10. Classroom Speakers

The Chamber’s Online Business directory serves as the Speakers Bureau list. Employees of members of The Chamber will serve as classroom speakers on requested topics as well as providing technical assistance to teachers, parents, and students.

11. Other Projects

The Chamber will also assist the Board by providing information to businesses about other school-related activities, including, but not limited to, the opportunity to serve as Senior Project and career mentors, provide support for school activities and events, serve as contest and Senior Project judges and career mentors, and assist with and support athletic activities and clubs.

~~* The next amendment to this agreement will further detail joint relationships between the parties.~~

ARTICLE III

The School Board will provide:

1. Liaison Support:

Appropriate staff will be identified, for The Chamber members in each area of the partnership. These liaisons will help connect interested Chamber members with schools. A specific liaison will be provided by the School Board to the Partners in Education Committee of the Chamber and serve as a voting member of the Committee.

2. Recognition

The School Board will provide recognition for individual members and The Chamber as a whole through its existing channels of communication, as permitted by School Board Policy.

3. The School Board will ensure that each public school in Cherokee County has a liaison to be fully accessible to the school's business partners and The Chamber's Partners in Education Committee liaison to that school. The School Board, through the principal or her or his designee, will fully support and participate in the activities of the Partners in Education Program.

4. The School Board will provide to The Chamber information about the Cherokee County education system and its programs and serve as a full partner in enhancing the economic well-being of the community.

5. Shall encourage principals to invite area business leaders and members of the Chamber Board of Directors to visit schools and attend lunch at school sites periodically.

ARTICLE IV

The Board and the Chamber agrees to a waiver of Facility Use fees based on reciprocal use of these facilities and abide by the rules and regulations contained in the Facility Use contract at each facility and those contained in the Community Use of System Facilities Policy (KG) with a maximum of three uses per party. All other fees associated with the use of facilities will apply (supervisory, custodial, security, etc.).

ARTICLE V

Each Party agrees to be fully responsible for its acts of negligence, or its agent's acts of negligence when acting within the scope of their employment and agrees to be liable for

any damages resulting from said negligence. Nothing herein is intended to serve as a waiver of sovereign immunity by any agency to which sovereign immunity may be applicable. Nothing herein shall be construed as consent by an agency or political subdivision of the State of Georgia to be sued by third parties in any matter arising out of any contract.

ARTICLE VI

Neither party shall discriminate against any employee or participant in this program because of age, race, color, disability, gender, marital status, national origin or religion. Affirmative action shall be taken to insure equal treatment without regard to age, race, color, disability, gender, marital status, national origin, religion, or other considerations arising from the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Both parties shall accept all children/interested participants for participation within its programs without regard to their gender, race, political affiliation, age, national origin or handicapping condition or any other discrimination recognized and prohibited by State or Federal Law. Children/participants with handicaps must be provided all necessary levels of supervision and must be included within the activities of the partnering organization. As a result of this partnership agreement, the Chamber must adhere to all local, State or Federal laws regarding education.

ARTICLE VII

There is no financial impact to the School Board of Cherokee County, Georgia for this Partnership Agreement.

ARTICLE VIII

The term of this contract is March 16, 2017 through March 16, 2018 ~~July 28, 2010 through July 27, 2011~~. This contract shall automatically renew for additional terms not to exceed five years unless either party notifies the other at least 60 days prior to renewal date.

ARTICLE IX

This contract may be terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party with or without cause. All notice of this contract shall be given to the Superintendent of the School Board of Cherokee County, Georgia, at 110 Academy Street,

Canton, Georgia, 30114, and to the Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce, 3605 Marietta Highway, Canton, Georgia, 30114.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have executed this document the first date referred to herein.

CHEROKEE COUNTY CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF CHEROKEE
COUNTY, GEORGIA

By: Bryan Reynolds
Chairman of the Board

By: Kyla Cromer
Chairman of the Board of Education

By: Pamela W. Carnes
President & CEO

By: Dr. Brian V. Hightower
Superintendent of Schools

Approved as to form:

Tom Roach, Esquire