

**Crescent Leadership Academy
Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 21, 2014
4:30 pm @ Crescent Leadership Academy
4300 Almonaster Ave.
New Orleans, LA 70126**

Board Members:

Present: Helen “Ginger” Berrigan, Maurice Lightfoot, Marlin Ford, Tommy McGinnis, Sean Trimber, Kevin Maney

Absent: Jim Letten

Others Present:

Tracy Joseph, CLA Superintendent/ ROP Education Director

Chauncey Nash, CLA Principal

CJ Bower, ROP CFO

Nancey Carter, ROP Education Business Manager

Proceedings:

I. Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 4:31pm (CST) by Judge Berrigan.

II. Addition of new Board Member

Judge Berrigan moved to add Sean Trimber as a board member; Kevin Maney seconded. *The motion passes unanimously.*

III. Approval of December Minutes

Judge Berrigan moved to approve the December minutes; Kevin Maney seconded the motion. *The motion passes unanimously.*

IV. ESP Reports

a. Type 5 Charter Progress Report and Activities Calendar – Chauncey Nash

Dr. Chauncey Nash gave the Type 5 Charter Progress and Activities Calendar Reports:

- CLA LEOD site visit is on February 11, 2014; must document that board structure and by-laws are in place according to BESE
- Retired judge Calvin Johnson came to visit the school; discussed potential resources for CLA
- After school enrichment program up and running; will start with middle school and expand to high school

- 257 students enrolled; 50 kids are eligible to leave in May 2014 that were on expulsion, CLA will try to retain as many as possible
- April 25th , 2014 is Titan Fest; would like to develop as a fundraiser for CLA
- CLA student is doing an apprenticeship with Boh Brothers, organized by founding CLA board member Anthony Doty

b. Financial Report –CJ Bower

CJ Bower presented the financial report:

- Will be funded for 227 students; will not adjust funding schedule until March 2014
- Working with RSD to firm funding for expelled students
- Did not get confirmation of student number until later so December budget does not reflect updated count

c. Executive Report-Tracy Joseph

Tracy Joseph presented the executive report:

- Submitted grant proposal to PBIS for CLA, and will negotiate for provided training and resources (non-monetary)
- Met with founding CLA board member Anthony Doty to visit partnership with South Central Training and Apprenticeship; can come onto campus and get students OSHA certified
- Still working on building lease with MSpace
- Harriet Caruso with Rite of Passage will provide support for Title I and II to make sure funds are used correctly
- CLA looking at doing a quarterly newsletter

V. Board Updates and Action Items

a. Board member recruiting update

- Continuing ongoing efforts to recruit new board members, will have site visit with potential member this week.

b. Friends of CLA Committee

- Would like to create committee to support and market CLA. Will present criteria at next meeting.

c. New Board President Discussion

- Maurice Lightfoot would like to be new board president once Judge Berrigan's term expires in June 2014

d. Governance Committee

- Judge Berrigan moved to add Maurice Lightfoot as Chair of Governance Committee, and Tommy McGinnis, Sean Trimber and Kevin Maney as members. Kevin Maney seconded. *Motion passes unanimously.*

e. Treasurer

- Judge Berrigan moved to name Tommy McGinnis as treasurer; Kevin Maney seconded. *Motion passes unanimously.*

Meeting adjourned at 5:08PM CST. The next meeting is Tuesday, 2/18/14 @4:30 pm CST.

Minutes scribed by Kevin Maney.

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