

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

Board Members:

Present: Judge Ginger Berrigan, Maurice Lightfoot, Kevin Maney, Sean Trimmer (phone)

Not Present: Jim Letten, Susan Hutson, Tommy Maginnis

Others Present:

Tracy Joseph, CLA Superintendent/ ROP Education Director

Chauncey Nash, CLA Principal

CJ Bower, ROP CFO

Maurice Ruffin

Proceedings:

I. Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 4:30pm (CST) by Judge Berrigan.

II. Approval of April Minutes

Judge Berrigan moved to approve the March minutes; Maurice Lightfoot seconded the motion.

III. 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:

- In testing and end of quarter exams; primarily high school students; results are at 50-60 percentile passage rate, up from last year
- Graduation is Friday, May 23 at 6:00pm at Reed High School auditorium; Ret. Judge Calvin Johnson will speak
- Have had 70-75% graduation rate
- Of 50 possible middle school testers, two passed, and four passed with remediation, which requires mandatory summer class beginning June 2, followed by a re-test
- Five positions currently open in personnel
- Titan Fest was held on May 9 – 180 students attended, participation included Delgado and Xavier, as well as Blue Cliff and Dillard; hopes to get parents more involved next year – may move time/day to accommodate

b. Financial Report –CJ Bower

CJ Bower presented the financial report:

- \$93,000 in bank as of March
- accounts receivable going down
- good position revenue-wise - \$154,000 over due to expulsion revenues coming in
- building up reserves moving into next school

c. Executive Report-Tracy Joseph

Tracy Joseph presented the executive report:

- RSD proposed that CLA services students in 6th through 9th grade, and discontinue servicing high school students; CLA not in agreement at this point, would like to reduce the sizes; will counter propose; possibly will look to service 6th through 12th grade.
- Would get additional funding if added 6th grade, even if total number of students decreased
- Looking at alternate locations for CLA, near current location and on West Bank
- State of Louisiana has requested a data compliance review

IV. Preliminary Budget Review – CJ Bower

- *Without a quorum (only three board members physically present) to officially vote on the preliminary budget, the Board reviewed and instructed Ms. Bower to proceed with the preliminary budget and the final version would be voted on by the Board in June*

V. Board Updates and Action Items

- Without a quorum, the Board tabled the vote on adding Maurice Ruffin as a Board member until the June meeting
- Maurice Lightfoot attended an education summit in Colorado on behalf of CLA; discussed fundraising opportunities, including potentially hosting a golf tournament to raise money for CLA

Meeting adjourned at 5:21PM CST. The next meeting is Wednesday, 6/18/14 @4:30 pm CST.

Minutes scribed by Kevin Maney.

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