

**Crescent Leadership Academy
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 18, 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, Tommy Maginnis, Jim Letten, Susan Hutson

Others Present:

Tracy Joseph, CLA Superintendent/EMO Education
Director Chauncey Nash, CLA Principal
CJ Bower, EMO CFO (via phone)
Nancey Carter, EMO Business Manager (via phone)
Maurice Ruffin

Proceedings:

I. Roll Call

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

II. Approval of May Meeting Minutes

Mr. Lightfoot moved to approve the May meeting minutes; Jim Letten seconded the motion; all in favor, so moved.

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 third week of summer school; approximately 60 students: 35-40 MS/20 HS. Making sure staff returning are planning for the second site.

b. Financial Report –CJ Bower

CJ Bower presented the financial report:

- \$602K bottom line for end of year; more than fulfills our covenant for th last two years. Good position for next year as we will begin the year with less money from expulsion revenue.
- FY2015 budget based on all expulsion students at the end of the year (minus graduates) and added choice students, plus students from first round of OneApp process, which equals roughly 246 students for October 1st count in FY 2015 school year. Don't expect the number to change as much because we are not likely to receive as many choice students in the 2014-2015 year. "Out of building" revenue will not be received for students at the Schwartz facility (loss of about \$132K). Harrah's casino grant of \$100K for new school year based on population we serve. New salary scale incorporated into the 14-15 budget, as well. Transportation increase with three bus routes. Annual reserves about \$109K at the end of the year with 246 students and two campuses.

- Mr. Lightfoot moved to accept the EMO proposed budget for the CLA 2014-15 school year; Mr. Maney 2nd; all in favor of approving the CLA FY 2015 Budget.

c. Executive Report-Tracy Joseph

Tracy Joseph presented the executive report:

- Discussed separation of campuses. EMO applied for Project Prevent grant to provide additional therapeutic services to CLA students and families. Dr. Nash spoke a bit about the afterschool program with the Middle School students and that they are renewing the partnership for next year.

Ms. Joseph discussed the LDOE audit that took place at the school focusing on Homeless/ELL/SPED services being provided to the students. When LDOE sends report, EMO will send a copy to the Board.

Second Principal position posted for the additional site; Ms. Carter, Business Manager from EMO, will be working at the school for the next school year.

Discussed with RSD being notified when expulsion students decide to go back to home schools during their hearing.

V. Board Updates and Action Items

- Board voted to elect Maurice Lightfoot as the new Board President. Mr. Lightfoot indicated the board should work to make sure CLA is a school of choice that students want to attend. He described the intended new school location and suggested board members view the site to see the plan for CLA moving forward. Mr. Lightfoot also asked that the search for legal representation continue to move forward.
- Maurice Ruffin introduced and Judge Berrigan recommended the board to approve his membership on the board and also vote on his position as Board Secretary. Mr. Lightfoot moved to accept Mr. Ruffin on the Board and elect him as the Board Secretary; Mr. Letten 2nd the motion, all in favor, so moved.
- Presented the Insurance Renewal to the Board for their review. Minimal increase for this new year. Mr. Lightfoot will need to sign the policy form as the Board President to bind the policy.
- Board will come to the next meeting with potential dates for the Board Retreat. Judge Berrigan suggested the retreat happen after school is in session. Several dates to be proposed. Mr. Letten offered Tulane University as a viable place to have the retreat.
- No one from the public present; no public comment.

Meeting adjourned at 5:17PM CST. The next meeting is Wednesday, 7/16/14 @4:30 pm CST.

Minutes scribed by Nancey Carter for Maurice Ruffin.

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