

**Crescent Leadership Academy
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 20, 2014
4:30 pm @ Crescent Leadership Academy
4300 Almonaster Blvd.
New Orleans, LA 70126**

Board Members:

Present: Maurice Lightfoot, Jim Letten, Sean Trimber; Susan Hutson and Maurice Ruffin (via phone)

Absent: Tommy Maginnis, Judge Berrigan

Others Present:

Tracy Joseph, CLA Superintendent/ ROP Education Director

Nick Dean, CLA East Campus Principal

Chauncey Nash, CLA West Campus Principal

Nancey Carter, ROP Education Business Manager

CJ Bower, ROP CFO (via phone)

Proceedings:

I. Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 4:30 (CST) by Maurice Lightfoot.

II. Approval of August Agenda and June/July Meeting Minutes

Mr. Lightfoot moved to approve the Agenda; approval of meeting minutes will be moved to next month as there is no quorum to vote.

III. ESP Report

Superintendent Report – Tracy Joseph

Ms. Joseph introduced new staff. Discussed the Pupil Progression Plan. Clinical Director from EMO will be on campus to work with relevant staff to improve assessment and treatment for students.

Ms. Joseph also discussed the St. Julian campus and proposed move from Almonaster in the New Year.

Type 5 Charter Progress Report – Nick Dean/Chauncey Nash

Mr. Dean discussed the ADA and how strong staff is in redirecting inappropriate behaviors and in delivering lessons.

Currently, CLA is no longer in the OneApp process so all students coming in are already enrolled or newly expelled and assigned.

West Campus (Schwartz) students are being identified based on age and credits; currently about 20 students. Ultimately, will be 50-75 total students, based also on therapeutic service needs. Indicated the CTE programs that will be starting up on West Campus.

Only one staff position open on East Campus. Still working out food service delivery for West Campus.

Football team, dancers, Student Leaders and Leading Ladies clubs starting up. Confirmed for five games right now.

Financial Report –CJ Bower

Balance Sheet: Net income \$361K and \$370K in Accounts Receivable.

Income Statement: Expulsion fees don't come in until after the Oct 1 and Feb 1 count. Funding is going to be less based on current count of students; budget will likely be adjusted.

IV. Board Updates

Subcommittee designations also need to be established for governance and fundraising.

Meeting changed to Thursdays at 5:30pm based on board schedules.

Board Retreat potential dates: Mr. Lightfoot proposed October 11 but will send out another email to the board.

V. Public Comment: No comments made by the public.

VI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:19 PM CST. Minutes scribed by Nancey Carter for Maurice Lightfoot.

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