

**Crescent Leadership Academy
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 18, 2014
4:30 pm @ Crescent Leadership Academy
4300 Almonaster Blvd.
New Orleans, LA 70126**

Board Members:

Present: Maurice Lightfoot, Sean Trimber, Helen "Ginger" Berrigan; Tommy Maginnis and Maurice Ruffin (via phone)

Absent: Jim Letten and Susan Hutson

Others Present:

Tracy Joseph, CLA Superintendent/ ROP Education Director

Nick Dean, CLA East Campus Principal

CJ Bower, ROP CFO (via phone)

Nancey Carter, ROP Education Business Manager (via phone)

Danielle Dreilinger, Times Picayune

Proceedings:**I. Roll Call**

Meeting called to order at 5:34 (CST) by Maurice Lightfoot.

II. Approval of August Agenda and July/August 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**Type 5 Charter Progress Report – Nick Dean/Tracy Joseph**

Mr. Dean discussed the assessments being done for each of the students coming in. He also detailed how the PBIS grant is being used to incentivize positive behaviors.

Students are recognized each week for Student of the Week and Most Improved. Football team is playing their second game this evening. Dance team is underway and practicing.

Roster is 179; ADP is normally 80-100. Social Worker is doing home visits and calls being made to students who have not come into school. Currently, CLA is no longer in the OneApp process so all students coming in are already enrolled or newly expelled and assigned.

Social Worker obtained a \$950 grant to buy uniforms for homeless students through McKinney-Vento. Afterschool program for students in fine & theater arts/photography.

Superintendent Report – Tracy Joseph

Ms. Joseph indicated the West campus is doing a blended learning model; around 12-17 students daily. Culinary program will also be starting up there. Working on JumpStart to obtain additional funds to start up other CTE programs and Nurse Bell has completed training to offer a CNA program.

Ms. Joseph also discussed their opportunity to be invited to the WBOK radio show and speak about CLA and answer any question. Juvenile Judge follow-up to discuss the changes in 14/15 and the services provided at CLA.

St. Julian campus renovations are underway and potential move from Almonaster will be in the New Year.

Financial Report –CJ Bower

Balance Sheet: Net income \$765K. Unearned revenue based on 234 funding and 171 enrollment.

Meeting this week to go over budget based on current enrollment (Oct 1 count) vs. projected enrollment.

Income Statement: state and local revenues apportioned to what current enrollment suggests rather than what was projected. Personnel cost smoothing over the next month now that school is in session. Expulsion fees also don't come in until the Oct 1 count.

Cash Flow ahead \$318K over last month. Financial Audit is moved back to 10/13-15; Ms. Bower will be onsite during this time.

IV. Board Updates

Board Retreat potential dates: Mr. Lightfoot sent out date but the date did not work for all board members. Sunday, November 2 is the most viable date, from 8am-early afternoon. Training in the am, then focus on the direction of the board and the school. Mr. Lightfoot to send out another email to the board. Will check with Jim Letten regarding space.

Board to review the Pupil Progression Plan.

Relating to Board membership, will explore the addition of one member.

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

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

VI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:21 PM CST. Minutes scribed by Nancey Carter for Maurice Lightfoot.

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