

**Crescent Leadership Academy  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, October 16, 2014  
4:30 pm @ Crescent Leadership Academy  
4300 Almonaster Blvd.  
New Orleans, LA 70126**

**Board Members:**

*Present:* Sean Trimber, Helen "Ginger" Berrigan, Tommy Maginnis, Maurice Ruffin, Jim Letten and Susan Hutson

*Absent:* Maurice Lightfoot

**Others Present:**

Tracy Joseph, CLA Superintendent/ ROP Education Director  
Nick Dean, CLA East Campus Principal  
Chauncey Nash, CLA West Campus Principal  
CJ Bower, ROP CFO (via phone)  
Nancey Carter, ROP Education Business Manager

**Proceedings:**

**I. Roll Call**

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

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

Mr. Ruffin moved to approve the Agenda; approval of meeting minutes.

**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.

**Superintendent Report – Tracy Joseph**

Ms. Joseph indicated the West campus is doing a blended learning model; around 12-17 students daily. Discussions to accept choice might begin again the first of the year based on incidents this first semester.

RSD met with the school team to discuss framework for extending and renewing the charter.

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

#### **Financial Report –CJ Bower**

Balance Sheet: need to revise as several of the line items are incorrect; Ms. Bower will send first thing in the morning.

Income Statement: state and local revenues are off substantially due to the actual vs. budget student count. Expulsion fees of \$44/day be billed for all expulsion students after Oct 1 count. However, we will only be funded for students expelled during the year they were expelled and not into the next school year. Revenues down \$123K for the month due to this. Expenses over roughly \$5K due to start-up expenses for the new school year.

Need to be careful and not spend any additional monies until funding sources are finalized.

#### **IV. Board Updates**

Board training set for 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.

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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