

**Crescent Leadership Academy Governing Board  
Draft Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, April 16, 2015  
5:30 PM-6:30PM  
at Crescent Leadership Academy  
2701 Lawrence Street  
NOLA 70114**

**Board Members Present:** Maurice Lightfoot, Brooks Barnes, Tommy Maginnis, Sean Trimber, Susan Hutson; via phone: Rachael Coe, Maurice Ruffin

**Board Members Not in Attendance:** Jim Letten and Sean Ransom

**CMO Present:** Nick Dean, Nancey Carter, via phone: Tracy Joseph, CJ Bower

- I. Roll Call @5:40pm. Review and approval of Agenda and Mar 18 Meeting Minutes  
Maurice Lightfoot moved to approve; Tommy Maginnis 2<sup>nd</sup>; all in favor, so moved.
- II. ESP Reports
  - Superintendent Report – Tracy Joseph
    - Almonaster Udate: board approved settlement of \$26K was accepted by MSpace and no further action is required.
    - 2015-16 School Year  
CMO to meet with RSD regarding enrollment and requesting a special population of choice students; CLA continues to have no access to OneApp system. CMO developed an academic/therapeutic/CTE/enrichment activities 2015-2016 model; once it's finalized with RSD, board will receive a copy.
  - Type 5 Charter Progress Report/Activities Calendar – Nick Dean
    - Total students 177
    - Literary club is in full swing and participated at a poetry event at Tulane University
    - SPED Corrective Action Plan (CAP) lifted and CLA is now in full compliance with LDOE
    - Increased violence in the community has spilled into school which has caused suspensions to go up
    - Senior Activities schedule distributed to the board
    - Testing is ongoing; all students are testing
    - Staff came in during their Spring break to participate in a restorative justice training to comply with PBIS grant recommendations
  - Financial Review– CJ Bower
    - Cash Flow down, waiting for over \$300K from RSD for expulsion students
    - Income statement-expulsion revenue starting to go up; final funding for 2/1 has been received
    - SPED only funded for 22 instead of 26

- State revenue back to normal next month and expulsion fees will continue to go up exponentially; about \$50K delta; \$32K less in building expenses which will put us around \$24K and keep everything within budget and within the 71% for instructional costs.
- III. Board and Action Items
- CLA Bylaws Amendment to increase terms to two (2) years for Officers (President, Secretary and Treasurer) and three years (3) for regular board members.
    - Mr. Trimber moved to amend the language in the CLA Governing Board Bylaws and Brooks Barnes 2<sup>nd</sup>; all in favor, so moved.
  - Reminder that Ethics Training and Tier 3 Forms need to be submitted. All members present completed the Tier 3 Forms after the meeting.
  - Fundraising Subcommittee Updates
    - Titan Fest will be held on Friday 5/22 and will start at noon. Donations will be sought and attendees will be charged for food to raise money for the school.
  - Fundraising Ideas from the Board
    - Mr. Lightfoot has requested that a Golf tournament be pursued in the fall.
- IV. No future Agenda items were raised. Next Board Meeting is 5/21 at NOON!
- V. No attendance or comments from the Public
- VI. Meeting adjourned at 6:35pm.

Minutes transcribed by Nancey Carter for Maurice Lightfoot. ##