

Crescent Leadership Academy Governing Board
Draft Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 29, 2015
12:00 PM-1:00 PM
at Crescent Leadership Academy
2701 Lawrence Street
NOLA 70114

Board Members Present: Maurice Lightfoot, Jim Letten, Brooks Barnes, Tommy Maginnis, and Rachael Coe.

Board Members Not in Attendance: Maurice Ruffin, Sean Trimber, Susan Hutson and Sean Ransom.

CMO Present: Nick Dean, Nancey Carter, Ski Broman, Tracy Joseph, Jim Bednark; via phone: CJ Bower

- I. Roll Call commenced at 12:10pm
- II. II. Review and Approval of Agenda and April 16, 2015 Meeting Minutes
Ms. Rachael Coe moved, Mr. Jim Letten 2nd; all in favor so moved.

III. ESP Reports

I. EMO CEO Report – Ski Broman

Look forward at continued improvements to the campus and the capital improvement campaign to renovate the church, create an area for the gym, and ending with the renovations to the rectory.

II. Superintendent Report – Tracy Joseph

o RSD 2015-16 Plan and Special Populations

Meeting with RSD to create special population to target students coming out of placement, and building services around those students. Technically, CLA will not be fully open to choice students but will be moving in that direction by building a relationship with the student while they're in placement and working with them so they enroll at CLA after program completion.

III. Type 5 Charter Progress Report/Activities Calendar—Nick Dean

Graduation today with a total of 22 out of 25 seniors graduating. Possible two more of the seniors will be able to graduate depending on their summer EOC scores.

Six students from the literary club went to KBOK radio show “The Good Life” to perform and discuss their work in the club; will send out podcast once completed.

Special Education State Corrective Action Plan has been lifted and all IEPs are in compliance.

Testing scores are still low (EOC)-2nd semester outcomes better than 1st semester; looking at a teacher partner with Vermont College to do a collaborative project.

Academics are the main focus for next year.

IV. Budget Update– CJ Bower (Discussion/Action)

Balance sheet indicates \$490K payment still outstanding from RSD; rec'd \$300K this week; cash in bank about \$88K which will go up and A/R will continue to go down; A/P being paid down as well.

Mr. Lightfoot asked if the Balance Sheet shows the school in the black; Ms. Bower indicated that once funds are received, budget should indicate closer to the black.

Financial Statements \$111K off budget; should catch up next. Other Federal revenues-IDEA will be rolled over from last year and with no additional expenses against it. Title I and II are behind, but revenue coming in and will be booked next month. Professional Services over because school retained two security guards; building expenses \$13K for movers; instructional supplies over and office supplies over; with total expenses unfavorable at roughly \$12K; another substantial expense was for the settlement at the Almonaster facility.

Redoing budget for 2015 because expenses are over 5%; presenting 2016 budget at next month's meeting as well as the 2015 adjusted budget. Public notice will be posted in Times Picayune.

V. Board Updates and Action Items

1. Board authorized funding for two additional teachers for the 2016 budget
2. Board Resignations
 - a. Susan Hutson resigned due to other obligations.
 - b. Maurice Ruffin resigned due to other obligations.
3. Board Member Recruiting: Need to add three new members; currently recruiting and will present resumes from the Board Bank once vetted out.
4. Subcommittee Updates
 - a. Compliance/Governance Committee-none at this time
 - b. Fundraising Committee
 - i. Titan Fest successful in raising money and students had a good time.
 - ii. Beginning of school year truck rally is tabled until next meeting.
5. No future Agenda items at this time.

VI. No members of the public were present; no public comment.

VII. Meeting adjourned @12:40pm.

Minutes transcribed by Nancey Carter for Maurice Lightfoot. ##