

**Crescent Leadership Academy
Regular Board Meeting Agenda
Thursday, July 16, 2015
5:30 pm @ Crescent Leadership Academy
2701 Lawrence Street
New Orleans, LA 70114**

Board Members Present: Tommy Maginnis, Sean Ransom, Maurice Lightfoot, Brooks Duplessis and Rachael Coe.

Board Members Not in Attendance: Jim Letten.

CMO Present: Tracy Joseph, Nick Dean; via phone: Nancey Carter

Other Attendees: Dhruva Chakravorty, Warren Atkins, Mrs. Atkins, Ms. Russell

I. Roll call commenced at 5:35pm

II. Maurice Lightfoot moved to approve Agenda and May 29, 2015/June 18, 2015 Meeting Minutes. Brooks Duplessis 2nd the motion; all in favor, so approved.

III. ESP Reports

1. Superintendent Report – Tracy Joseph discussed CLA’s data and the new populations being discussed with RSD. This includes a therapeutic component, including T4C and YOC. Ms. Joseph assured the Board that the LCSW will not be overtaxed with providing services.

- State Reporting submissions are just about completed
- 142 students on the record for 15-16SY
- Renovation of the Sanctuary will begin this year; RFP to go out

2. Type 5 Charter Progress Report/Activities Calendar

- Graduation rate was 92%; 23 of the 25 seniors graduated
- Summer remediation was very successful and provided good one-on-one instruction
- Summer training for staff included Thinking for a Change (T4C) and Motivational Interviewing (MI); some training costs defrayed by PBIS grant
- Treatment services for students will begin in Orientation and continue within the classroom, ISI and groups
- Class blocks changed from 90 minutes to 55 minutes for the new school year. This will create smaller class sizes and allow students to gain more credits; will also assist in de-escalating behaviors
- Presented strategy for increasing dual enrollment for 15-16 SY
- 8/29 first Football game-location TBD

3. Financial Review and 2016 SY Budget Discussion

Board discussed the 15-16 SY Budget that was based on 138 and presented at the last meeting and available for public review. Mr. Lightfoot moved to approve the budget as presented; Ms. Duplessis 2nd the motion, so approved.

IV. Board Updates and Action Items

1. Board Member Recruiting Update

- a. Q&A with Potential Board Candidate Mr. Warren Atkins. Mr. Atkins spoke about his background and why he is interested in being a member of the board.

Potential candidates convened to the other room while the board deliberated.

Board voted to bring Mr. Warren Atkins, Dr. Dhruva Chakravorty and Ms. Natasha-Riley Noah on as new board members.

- b. Rachel Coe designated as the new Secretary
2. Subcommittee Updates
- a. Compliance/Governance Committee
 - b. Fundraising Committee (Ms. Barnes-Duplessis; Dr. Ransom; Dr. Chakravorty; Ms. Noah-Riley; Simone Levantahl-Quinn)
 - i. Beginning of school year truck rally needs to ramp up with more research; outreach to Algiers community; Mr. Lightfoot to organize 2nd line; potential date to coincide with Homecoming.
- Mr. Lightfoot discussed the Times Picayune article and how CLA assists students in learning how to be successful in the world.
3. Future Agenda Items: Update on food truck rally; discussion with new board candidate, Simone Levantahl-Quinn.

V. No public comment received.

VI. Meeting adjourned @6:46 pm.

Minutes transcribed by Nancey Carter for Maurice Lightfoot. ##