

**Crescent Leadership Academy
Regular Board Meeting Agenda
Thursday, August 20, 2015
5:30 pm @ Crescent Leadership Academy
2701 Lawrence Street
New Orleans, LA 70114**

Board Members Present: Brooks Duplessis-Barnes, Rachael Coe and Natasha Noah-Riley; via phone: Warren Atkins.

Board Members Not in Attendance: Jim Letten, Tommy Maginnis, Sean Ranson, Maurice Lightfoot, Dhruva Chakravorty

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

I. Roll Call: No Quorum—no actions to be taken.

II. Review and Approval of Agenda and July 16, 2015 Meeting Minutes moved to next month's meeting.

III. ESP Reports

1. Superintendent Report – Tracy Joseph

- Still waiting on special population determination from the RSD
- Letter response to Times Picayune article was discussed and will be submitted by Board President.

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

- Charter Renewal progress going well; change in schedule is working; LCSW position is open, interviews in progress; overall starting team is strong to start the new school year-11 teachers and SPED
- Dance Team/Football Team tryouts are in progress; strong interest for both teams
- Parent/Teacher night is Wednesday 8/26

Board asked if we continue to be in compliance with student IEPs and required services. Mr. Dean indicated that SPED needs are being met by the present team.

3. Financial Review– CJ Bower (Discussion/Action)

- \$127K Cash in Bank/\$300K still owed by RSD; A/R trade lower because we paid down majority of bills due; down in assets
- Income Statement: getting paid on 178 kids until Oct, then adjust down MFP Revenue; need to find out AFR requirement; \$47K under in expulsion revenues which will not start up again until students begin school.
Bottom line over because of beginning of year expenditures for handbooks/resource guides/supplies.
- Need to benchmark expulsion this year based on last year for Oct 1 count

IV. Board Updates and Action Items

1. Board Member Recruiting Update

- a. Ms. Quinn was not in attendance for Q&A

2. Subcommittee Updates, if any (Discussion/Action)

- a. Compliance/Governance Committee: Maurice Lightfoot, Rachael Coe and Warren Atkins

- b. Fundraising Committee
 - i. Ms. Duplessis-Barnes discussed the Food truck rally progress and resource needs indicating that they were going to try to have it at the end of September, but wanted to be sure to coincide with Homecoming. Mr. Dean to provide that date. Ms. Barnes also indicated they could charge an admission fee or flat fee, depending on the preference of the food truck operators.

Need to be sure to put up signs for the Food Truck Rally so people can find it. Will have to find out if we need a permit.

 - Another fundraising event is being explored for January or February. More info will relayed once details are finalized.
 - Everyone should begin reaching out to their contacts to promote the Truck Rally.
3. Future Agenda Items-Food Truck Rally/Board Member addition
Board member attendance initiative
Youth Occupational Skills training at Delgado college to conference into the next meeting to see if it's a good fit for the students at the school.
Tulane JJ services

V. Public Comment-None

VI. Adjournment at 6:08 pm