

**Crescent Leadership Academy
Regular Board Meeting Agenda
Thursday, September 17, 2015
12:00 pm @ Crescent Leadership Academy
2701 Lawrence Street
New Orleans, LA 70114**

Board Members Present: Maurice Lightfoot, Tommy Maginnis, Rachael Coe, Natasha Noah-Riley and Warren Atkins

Board Members Not in Attendance: Jim Letten, Brooks Duplessis-Barnes, Sean Ranson, and Dhruva Chakravorty

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

I. Roll Call at 12:20pm

II. Review and Approval of Agenda and July 16th/August 20th Meeting Minutes. Natasha Noah-Riley moved to approve all items; Rachael Coe 2nd; approved.

III. ESP Reports

1. Superintendent Report – Tracy Joseph

- Update on contract dispute with previous security company. New form distributed to staff to be filled out whenever staff meet with contractor to ensure documentation is always on hand. Board required no revisions to the form.
- Grant from State for Career Counseling and Internships being formalized before rolling out to school.
- Upcoming BESE visit for charter renewal; academics will be a primary focus.
- Enrollment numbers are low; currently 114 students enrolled. Will be receiving YOC youth when they exit placement; however, they will not be solely designated for CLA, but distributed to other schools as well.

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

- Data dissemination helping teachers to be successful and to see the strengths and weaknesses of their academic delivery to students.
- Need to explore having sports insurance to cover any potential student injuries while playing sports.
- Students more engaged this year; dance team and football team committed and attending practice regularly.

3. Financial Review— CJ Bower (Discussion)

- Funds still outstanding from RSD; CJ Bower and Tracy Joseph to follow up with RSD
- Assets up by \$630K; expulsion revenue not received until 10/1 count; \$2K adjustment for insurance; \$22K loss for the month
- Closely monitoring count between now and 10/1 and will need to make changes based on budget.
- Outside financial auditors onsite 9/28.

IV. Board Updates and Action Items

1. Board Member Recruiting Update-Mr. Lightfoot asked the board to refer anyone they thought would be a good candidate for the one remaining opening on the board.
2. Board Member Attendance-Review Dates and Times

- Board to send preference of time and day for consideration when putting together next year's schedule.
- 3. Subcommittee Updates, if any
 - a. Compliance/Governance Committee-want to add an additional member to bring committee to four people.
 - b. Fundraising Committee
 - i. No update on Food truck rally resource needs; most likely to occur mid to late October as a Fall Fest
 - 1. Permitting needed but see if we can get fee waived.
 - 2. Find out if event insurance is included in school's insurance coverage.
 - 3. Need to ensure school obtains appropriate insurance and health permits for the food trucks. Ms. Noah-Riley to create template for vendors to fill out.
- 4. Future Agenda Items
 - Table Delgado Youth Occupational Skills Training person to conference into the next meeting. Mr. Atkins will follow up.

V. Public Comment-none

VI. Meeting adjourned at 1:25pm.

Minutes transcribed by Nancey Carter for Maurice Lightfoot. ##