

**Crescent Leadership Academy
Regular Board Meeting Agenda
Thursday, December 17, 2015
5:30 pm @ Crescent Leadership Academy
2701 Lawrence Street
New Orleans, LA 70114**

Board Members Present: Tommy Maginnis, Rachael Coe, Maurice Lightfoot, Brooks Duplessis-Barnes, Natasha Noah-Riley

Board Members Not in Attendance: Jim Letten, Sean Ranson, Dhruva Chakravorty, Warren Atkins Jr.

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

I. Roll Call

II. Rachel Coe made a motion to approve the Agenda and September, October and November Meeting Minutes; Brooks Barnes 2nd the motion; all in favor, so approved.

III. ESP Reports

1. Superintendent Report – Tracy Joseph

One-year charter extension approved at BESE board meeting to finish out CLA’s charter duration; Ms. Joseph and Mr. Dean spoke at the meeting; CLA was the only school up for extension with no opposition from the public or BESE board.

Conference call with RSD about test scores as 20% in each grade level needs to show growth from the last year but when we only get semester placements, this growth is very difficult to attain.

Now that the extension has been approved, preparing for the charter renewal process.

SEAL agreement has the potential to go to litigation; settlement negotiations approved by board. Rachel Coe made the motion to approve settlement authority; Tommy Maginnis 2nd the motion; all in favor, so moved.

Beau Bayou is moving forward on renovating the church and the rectory.

This is the last year to CLA will receive Harrah’s funds. Budget discussions to take place before the holidays.

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

Working with youth justice coalition to raise the age of youth going into jail which will help our 17 year old youth.

Social Studies kids will be part of the panel in Baton Rouge

Legal project (Jan-Apr) to meet with court system officials; they will provide speaking coaches to provide skills.

Three students graduated from the CNA program and one student will graduate in the Spring when she completes her clinical hours.

EOC and STAR testing results show that all scores are up.

Began working with Choices to provide wraparound services for students.

Student council did fundraising and can donations to shelters and needy families
School report cards came out this week and we are rated a T, but we increased seven points over last year.

3. Financial Review– CJ Bower (Discussion)

Ms. Bower was not in attendance; however, Treasurer, Tommy Maginnis, reviewed the financials and had no questions.

IV. Board Updates and Action Items

1. Board Member Recruiting Update

- a. Board discussed Ms. Amelie Wax's resume and candidacy for the board, and are looking forward to meeting Ms. Wax at January's meeting.

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

- a. Compliance/Governance Committee: no updates.
- b. Fundraising Committee
 - i. Mardi Gras parking progress and resource needs—2/6 @8am \$10: Mr. Dean, Ms. Barnes and CLA students to make signs.
 - ii. Other fundraising events-everyone to bring a case of water to next board meeting

3. Future Agenda Items

Need to update calendar in January-put on the Agenda. Ms. Joseph to send out calendar invite for fundraiser on January 23, 2016.

V. Public Comment: no one from the public in attendance.

VI. Adjournment @6:37pm

Minutes transcribed by Nancey Carter for Maurice Lightfoot. ##