

**Crescent Leadership Academy
Regular Board Meeting Agenda
Thursday, March 17, 2016
5:30 pm @ Crescent Leadership Academy
2701 Lawrence Street
New Orleans, LA 70114**

Board Members Present: Rachael Coe, Natasha Noah-Riley, Tommy Maginnis; Amelie Wax-via phone

Board Members Not in Attendance: Brooks Duplessis-Barnes, Warren Atkins Jr., Jim Letten, Dhruva Chakravorty, Maurice Lightfoot

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

Other Participants:

I. Roll Call @5.54pm

II. Review and Approval of Agenda and February Meeting Minutes (On hold until next meeting because there is no quorum)

III. ESP Reports

1. Superintendent Report – Tracy Joseph (Discussion)

Ms. Joseph attended the OPSB board meeting for comments surrounding Act 467. She provided questions to RSD about how our funding will look at the end of this year and next; SPED will now be broken down into 4 levels of funding, and ELL funding will change as well. What does that mean for our kids?

Also, OPSB is trying to get all alternative schools under them in 2016 which would give us no option; this could be a positive or a negative but we will not know until everything is decided. Ms. Joseph has a meeting with the OPSB Superintendent and sent questions to Patrick Dobard. Youth Study should be releasing an RFP for services soon and we will put in a proposal for it; Ms. Joseph is point on this.

When asked about changing our enrollment structure, RSD indicated they no longer have decision making power and they can't help us increase student population.

Attorney has responded to the lawsuit filing; Ms. Joseph will update the board with any new developments.

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

Assistant US Attorney is the potential graduation speaker; graduation is on 5/27 @1pm. Anticipate having 17 graduates; 4 or 5 kids have expressed interest in going to college.

Spring Break is next week; when students come back, they'll finish out the year with state testing.

Really focusing on team dynamics right now and looking at next year based on where we are budget-wise. Looking to have strong staff that will double play in behavior management and teaching; hired new science teacher who has proved excellent at

engaging students. Also hired a Harvard graduate to teach classes. Attending job fairs and recruiting for next year as several staff will be leaving.

Awards gala is scheduled for May which is taking place of the prom and award breakfast. Currently creating a database of attendees to send open house notice to which is taking place next month.

Stanford University (CREDO) will be coming out on April 6th to evaluate as the last year of monitoring for the i3 grant.

Home school football league might merge their students with ours to increase the team size and they have many games, but all parents have to approve the merger. If things go well, we might play a whole season with them in the 16-17 school year.

Went down to one security guard based on student count.

3. Financial Review– Tommy Maginnis (Discussion)

Balance Sheet cash down 40K; A/R down by 60K; Income statement \$70K below monthly budget; revenues are down because we did not receive what was projected; budget goes through 6/30.

IV. Board Updates and Action Items

1. Board Member Recruiting Update (Discussion)

Nothing at this time; Ms. Carter will reach back out to people on the board bank to replace board members.

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

a. Compliance/Governance Committee has no new business at this time.

b. Fundraising Committee

i. Celebrity cook-off update and resources needed (Discussion/Action)

Obtained community development person for Saints and another person;

June is too soon to put together this large of an event. Board suggested

moving the event to August or September to kick off the school year.

3. Future Agenda Items-none at this time.

V. Public Comment-No one from the public in attendance or via phone.

VI. Adjournment@6:28pm

Minutes transcribed by Nancey Carter for Maurice Lightfoot. ##