

Crescent Leadership Academy
Regular Board Meeting Agenda
Thursday, July 21, 2016
5:30 pm @ Crescent Leadership Academy
2701 Lawrence Street
New Orleans, LA 70114

Board Members Present: Maurice Lightfoot, Jim Letten, Tommy Maginnis, Rachael Coe, Amelie Wax, Warren Atkins, Jr.

Board Members Not in Attendance: Brooks Barnes Duplessis, Natasha Noah-Wiley

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

Other Participants: Kisha Laurent Gaudin and Avery Cootes Foret

I. Roll Call

II. Review and Approval of Agenda and May/June Meeting Minutes: Rachel Coe move to approve, Amelie Wax 2nd the motion, all in favor; so moved for approval.

III. ESP Reports

1. Superintendent Report – Tracy Joseph

Partnership with the Children’s Bureau Therapeutic Program for the upcoming school year. They will have a Behavioral Health Clinic onsite with two staff members. They will work with students and conduct home visits to work with parents. The total cost to CLA will be \$25K. We are pursuing a SIG grant and including the \$25K to potentially get the cost covered; if we are not awarded, Children’s Bureau will work with CLA on spreading out the cost.

Discussions with RSD about the Unification Document which details the systems in place for schools to return under the governance of the Orleans Parish School Board. Ms. Joseph will keep the board updated on further developments.

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

Handed out school calendar; school begins 8/12 and ends on 6/2. Very small, but solid faculty team this year; rigorous professional development schedule before school starts and throughout the year.

Football season will begin when school starts. New music recording program led by Mr. Visser. Applied for a music grant through the Jazz and Heritage Foundation and will receive notification by 9/15.

3. Financial Review– CJ Bower

Reviewed Balance Sheet and Income statement. Administrative costs are down but revenue is also down.

IV. Board Updates and Action Items

1. Board Member Recruiting Update

Ms. Kisha Laurent Gaudin and Ms. Avery Cootes Foret introduced themselves and discussed why they want to be on the CLA Board. They also spoke of their passion for what the school does for the students.

Candidates were asked to leave the room and the board discussed their viability for the board. After deliberating, Ms. Rachael Coe moved to favorably consider Ms. Foret to the board, 2nd by Amelie Wax. All in favor, no opposed. Rachael Coe moved to favorably consider Ms. Gaudin to the board, 2nd by Amelie Wax. All in favor, no opposed.

2. Subcommittee Updates, if any (Discussion/Action)
 - a. Compliance/Governance Committee-none
 - b. Fundraising Committee
 - i. Celebrity cook-off update and resources needed
Nancey Carter to send donation letter template to Mr. Atkins for revision.
Will begin to send out to community businesses. Agreed upon date for the event is October 8, 2016 from 5pm – 8pm.
3. Board Terms as reflected in Bylaws
Will need to vote on a new President of the Board.
4. Future Agenda Items: Vote for new Board President.

V. Public Comment: none. No attendance from the public in person or via phone.

VI. Adjournment at 6:15pm.

Minutes transcribed by Nancey Carter and Rachel Coe for Maurice Lightfoot. ##