



**Crescent Leadership Academy
Regular Board Meeting Agenda
Thursday, August 18, 2016
5:30 pm @ Crescent Leadership Academy
2701 Lawrence Street
New Orleans, LA 70114**

Board Members Present: Tommy Maginnis, Brooks Barnes Duplessis, Warren Atkins, Jr.; Kisha Laurent Gaudin and Avery Cootes Foret

Board Members Not in Attendance: Maurice Lightfoot, Jim Letten, Rachael Coe, Amelie Wax, Natasha Noah-Wiley

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

I. Roll Call: 5:44pm

Nancey and CJ via phone, Nick

II. Review and Approval of Agenda and July Meeting Minutes (No Quorum-deferred to next meeting)

III. ESP Reports

1. Superintendent Report – Tracy Joseph (Discussion)

- RSD has rescheduled the meeting (meeting was take to place Friday, 8/19) with she and Mr. Lightfoot due to their attention on the disaster relief efforts in Baton Rouge. Part of the meeting is to discuss the decrease in enrollment of students at CLA and how that affects operations and the budget.
- Great first meeting with The Children’s Bureau regarding the Mental Behavioral Health Clinic that will be located on CLA’s campus for this school year. The Agency will work closely with our students in and out of school, and will conduct home visits.
- This year CLA’s search for additional funding through grants and fundraising will be critical because of budget restraints due to enrollment.
- The final Unification Systems Task Force meeting will take place next week before OPSB rolls out the final document. The task force is seeking to bridge some student services across charter schools. Charter schools are facing financial challenges and looking to share services to bring some relief.

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

- 1st 4 days of school; great group of kids; started off with 55, today close to 70, total roster is 90.
- No excess staff—everyone on staff is strong, this year starting with six teachers. Teachers are motivated and everyone is on the same page.
- Biggest concern is enrollment and RSD informing parents their students could not continue with CLA once their expulsion term was up.
- Children’s bureau is working with Medicaid students.
- Additional partnerships this year: 100 Black Men, Urban League and FBI to mentor males and females. This year, YAYA is working on film with students that they will submit to the New Orleans Film Festival.

3. Financials and 16-17SY Budget Review– CJ Bower (Discussion)

- Begun receiving new PPR; large insurance bill this year for the new school year. Also, new income rates for state and local.
- Each year we lose money from counts from the previous year; this year is the smallest, but still \$100K.
- No SPED coordinator so no IDEA funds yet. Expulsion fees will begin in August and more after the 10/1 count; next month hope to break even, then catch up.
- 16-17SY budget: not at 108 population so hoping to get to that before the 10/1count. Building expenses will be down as well as equipment expenses. Need to show income to ensure the school is fiscally sound; looks like we will make about \$7K. Can't budget to lose money when it comes to financial score card.
- Mr. Maginnis indicated that his brother has taken a position with Carr Riggs, CLA's external auditor, but he was assured there will be no conflict as he will not be working with the audit for CLA.
- Budget must be adopted during the next board meeting, then submitted to LDOE. Ms. Bower asked board members to send her any questions they may have about the 16-17SY budget before adopting.

IV. Board Updates and Action Items

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

a. Compliance/Governance Committee: None

b. Fundraising Committee:

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

Letter is revised; put together a committee with staff and board to get the cook-off rolling. By next board meeting, will have a new date and committee meeting.

Discussion of charging for parking during big games. Also, fundraising ideas presented by Ms. Gaudin.

2. Elect new Board President (defer to next meeting)

3. Future Agenda Items: Next month's meeting will be Thursday, 9/22, a week later than originally scheduled as Ms. Bower will be in attendance for the audit.

V. Public Comment-no one in attendance

VI. Adjournment @6:24pm

Minutes transcribed by Nancey Carter for Maurice Lightfoot. ##