



Crescent Leadership Academy
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 22, 2016
5:30 pm @ Crescent Leadership Academy
2701 Lawrence Street
New Orleans, LA 70114

I. Roll Call @5:55pm

Board Members: Rachael Coe, Natasha Riley-Noah, Tommy Maginnis, Avery Cootes Foret, Kisha Laurent Gaudin, Warren Atkins, Jr.

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

II. Review and Approval of Agenda and July/August Meeting Minutes (Action)

Tommy Maginnis made a motion to approve the Agenda and Meeting Minutes for July and August; Warren Atkins 2nd the motion; all in favor, so moved.

III. ESP Reports

1. Superintendent Report – Tracy Joseph (Discussion)

Potential chapel tenant that will be visiting the campus on October 6.

Met with OPSB last week and discussed timing of going into their portfolio.

Mr. Lightfoot and Ms. Joseph have reviewed the original BESE charter award and will have attorney review to explore how to expand population as we are also blocked by the OneApp process. Warren Atkins agrees with this new strategy.

OPSB Superintendent is coming to the next board meeting. Will speak to him about CLA once again being the only expulsion school.

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

Focusing heavily on standards-based rubric to evaluate student work.

Maintaining a high attendance by making timely calls and doing home visits.

The QA team will be at the school on 10/5 and 10/6

Award Banquet/Parent-Teacher meetings will be on 10/6.

Next Thursday is the RSD renewal visit.

Currently building substantial partnerships with agencies that can bring opportunity and career exploration for our students. Mock trial coming is coming up and students are learning about cases that map to their History and Social Studies lessons. Also have an FBI partnership that is working with the female students. Urban League working to get students placed in jobs.

Received a Jazz & Heritage grant to fund the music recording program. Award Ceremony will be at the Jazz & Heritage Foundation on 10/10; Mr. Visser is bringing several students to the ceremony.

3. Financials and 16-17SY Budget Approval– CJ Bower (Discussion/Action)

CJ Bower brought the budget down to 103 students based on the current enrollment of 89. Hoping to get more students assigned to CLA in the next week or so; if not, will have to revise and present a new budget in November. Ms. Bower explained to the board that the budget can be revised as often as needed. Presently, we have more expulsion students than last year.

Action: Natasha Riley Noah moved to approve the 16-17SY budget as presented by CJ Bower; Mr. Maginnis 2nd the motion; all in favor, so moved.

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)

Mr. Atkins met with Ms. Lily to collaborate on the festival; will be adding the event on the same day as the NOMTOC festival to double play for attendance.

Will start publicizing the festival around Thanksgiving. Going to be three categories: ribs, sausage and red beans. Ribbons for each category. \$25 pp-all food/drinks/entertainment/parking. Family of 4 cost: \$60; Mr. Langford will rent Portable Units; need people to collect money/ticket, park cars, and a variety of other tasks. People cooking have to provide the food. Solidify everything by mid-October and start advertising in November. Rachael to do more research on NOMTOC to see how we can advertise through them. Will also check with some of our radio friends.

2. Elect new Board President (Discussion/Action)

Warren Atkins was suggested as nomination for President. Mr. Maginnis made a motion to elect Warren Atkins as the new CLA Board President; Natasha Riley-Noah 2nd the motion; all in favor, none opposed; so moved. Warren Atkins, Jr. is the new CLA Board President.

3. Determine Date for Board Retreat-Rachael to send out a Doodle invite for a free Saturday and a few other dates. Will report back to the board the dates that work for the majority.

4. Future Agenda Items-Elect new Treasurer.

V. Public Comment: none. No one from the public was present or phoned in.

VI. Adjournment: meeting adjourned by unanimous vote at 6:47pm.

Meeting Minutes transcribed by Nancey Carter for Warren Atkins, Jr. ##