



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

I. Roll Call @5:33pm

**Board Members:** Warren Atkins, Jr., Rachael Coe, Brooks Duplessis-Barnes, Tommy Maginnis, Natasha Riley-Noah, Kisha Laurent Gaudin.

**CMO Members:** Nancey Carter, Terri Fiske, Nick Dean, Tracy Bennett-Joseph.

**Members from the Public:** Dr. Henderson Lewis, Jr.

II. Review and Approval of Agenda and September/October Meeting Minutes (Action)

Brooks Duplessis-Barnes moved to approve the Agenda and September/October Meeting Minutes, Tommy Maginnis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion; all in favor, so moved.

III. ESP Reports

1. OPSB Superintendent Report – Dr. Henderson Lewis (Discussion)

Dr. Henderson Lewis, Jr., OPSB Superintendent, indicated to the board that he is available for questions and follow-up meetings to talk about CLA. He will also be scheduling a site visit to view great work happening at CLA, and he will be returning to formally present to the board how unification will look when moving CLA under OPSB.

2. Superintendent Report – Tracy Joseph (Discussion)

Ms. Joseph reached out to the attorney about the charter application for the board to consider as we look at the future of CLA. Need to decide if the board would like to pursue the original charter allocation of choice students.

Ms. Joseph met with Mr. Broman and he wanted to make sure that the board knows ROP is committed to being the CMO for CLA and will continue to pursue fundraising opportunities and grants, as well as potentially sharing services with other schools. Ms. Joseph also shared a piece of information from the Tuesday meeting that schools are putting students up for expulsion, but the Hearing Office is giving students contracts and sending them back to their school to address the exposure RSD has received for expelling students. Also, many of the newly expelled students are only expelled for three weeks. Based on the upcoming unification, many decisions about charters are not being addressed yet.

School report cards have been come out, and all alternative schools will get an F, but then the grade will be amended based on the Alternative Framework.

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

Wrapped up football season (boys and girls). Basketball starts on 12/2.

Major focus of targeting learning communities around dealing with transient populations.

Progress Reports went out today; when they return from break, STAR testing will begin; EOCs begin in two weeks.

Staff are doing an excellent job dealing with behaviors upfront to decrease the number of fights.

Teachers meet MWF. One student came up and told his story of his father being killed; this resonated with many of the other students, building a sense of empathy among them.

Going to WWII museum on 12/8 with the bar members.

4. Financials– CJ Bower (Discussion/Action)

Ms. Fiske went over the income statement; revenue is down due to low student count; still receiving funding based on 103 students, but on 10/1 enrollment was 84.

Expenses are coming in under for each category but without the revenue, the school cannot break even.

Mr. Maginnis asked what is making up most of the AP and Ms. Fiske replied that the only vendor due funds at this time is the CMO administrative fee. Mr. Maginnis also asked if the budget will be amended this year, and Ms. Fiske replied that it will be revised to capture a more realistic enrollment based on the current practices in place for assigning youth to CLA.

IV. Board Updates and Action Items

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

a. Compliance/Governance Committee-nothing at this time.

b. Fundraising Committee

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

Things that need to be paid for now are paper products, cups, coolers, silverware. Donation letter to send out to potential donors. Possibility of needing to pay for security; can potentially use current security company. Need to find out cost for tents and seating. Advertising with NOMTOC?

2. Elect new Board Treasurer (Discussion/Action)

Ms. Coe nominated Natasha Riley-Noah for Treasurer; Ms. Riley Noah accepted. Board voted unanimously to elect Ms. Riley Noah as the new Treasurer.

3. Date Determine for Board Retreat based on Doodle invite: December 10<sup>th</sup> @10am-2pm.

Ms. Carter will secure a meeting place.

4. Future Agenda Items: Presentation of Mental Health Services Professional; Math Tutor funding.

V. Public Comment-no additional comments.

VI. Adjournment @6:41pm

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