



**Crescent Leadership Academy  
Regular Board Meeting Agenda  
Thursday, April 20, 2017  
5:30 pm @ Crescent Leadership Academy  
2701 Lawrence Street  
New Orleans, LA 70114**

I. Roll Call: 5:38pm

**Board Members:** Warren Atkins, Jr., Rachael Coe, Kisha Laurent Gaudin

**CMO Members:** Tracy Joseph; Nick Dean, Nancey Carter and Terri Fiske via phone.

II. Review and Approval of Agenda and November/December/January/March Meeting Minutes:  
Moved to next meeting or when there is a quorum.

III. ESP Reports

1. Superintendent Report – Tracy Joseph (Discussion)

Meeting with Kunjun at RSD who stated that CLA would not have full access to the OneApp process but would be handled the same as Renew and the Net. Expulsion numbers will decrease, but CLA will have the special population of over-age youth.

Currently, 78 students are set to return next year. Have added in an LCSW for next year, as well as additional teachers. Have two strong external VP candidates and three other principals will be part of the interview process on 5/1 and 5/2 starting at 9am.

Next school year will see changes to CLA's operational plan with accelerated students on the first floor during the times of 8am-12pm or 1-5pm. Partnering with Goodwill to provide CTE certifications for the students; also, pursuing partnerships with colleges to create a pipeline for students once they graduate

Have a need for laptops or desktops for the computer lab. RSD wants CLA to take 8<sup>th</sup> graders who are overage who will receive computer assisted instruction-CTE and remediation. The Leadership forum made phone calls to help us with adding students.

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

Quite a few new students which is changing the culture and school dynamic. Team is busy preparing for graduation on 5/26. Standardized testing for middle school and high school is in progress.

Have quite a few partnerships including UNO counseling department; federal bar association going to do a landscaping project; former US attorney is this year's graduation speaker.

When CLA goes under OPSB, they will evaluate CLA annually using the accountability framework which will all be taken into consideration for our charter renewal.

3. Financials– Terri Fiske (Discussion/Action)

Mr. Dean doing a good job not going over on any of the budget line items. Investigating to see if all the expulsion funding has been paid properly.

IV. Board Updates and Action Items

1. Elect a new Treasurer-Postponed until new board members are recruited and approved.

2. Board Recruitment Update-going through board bank and board members are reaching out within their network for referrals.
3. Subcommittee Updates, if any (Discussion/Action)-none at this time
  - a. Compliance/Governance Committee
    - i. Annual financial donation established in Bylaws (Discussion/Action)-need to discuss further when there is a quorum.
    - b. Fundraising Committee-no current updates.
4. Future Agenda Items-Spaghetti night in the fall and maybe a student showcase; drive through fish fry

V. Public Comment: no members of the public present or on the phone.

VI. Adjournment: 6:16pm