



**Crescent Leadership Academy
Regular Board Meeting Agenda
Thursday, June 15, 2017
5:30 pm @ Crescent Leadership Academy
2701 Lawrence Street
New Orleans, LA 70114**

I. Roll Call 5:36pm:

Board Members: Rachael Coe, Avery Foret, Amelie Wax, Kisha Laurent Gaudin, Tommy Maginnis; Warren Atkins via phone.

CMO Members: Tracy Joseph-Superintendent; CJ Bower-CFO; Nancey Carter-Board Liaison

II. Review and Approval of Agenda and November/December/January/March/May Meeting Minutes (Action)

Rachael Coe moved to approve; Kisha Laurent Gaudin 2nd the motion; all in favor, so moved for approval.

III. ESP Reports

1. Superintendent Report – Tracy Joseph (Discussion)

Ms. Joseph will be reporting on both the ESP and School reports. During the 2nd week of summer, EOC remediation will take place. Started with 12 students, but attendance has varied. The entirety of next week is reserved for testing. One student is also in credit recovery.

Dean of students has been hired and they are conducting a national search for Principal. Two teachers have been hired, but still interviewing. Contract start dates are 8/1 and all teachers will return on 8/7

First day of school is 8/14. Currently planning a back to school cook-out during the school day for students, parents, board members, and community members. Will be sending out invitations when school starts.

Weekly call with RSD is taking place so CLA moves forward to bring in more programs and bring in more students. Louisiana is going in a different direction for expelling children by not moving them off campus; one of the conversations is to look at a more therapeutic model and exploring the internal issue of why students continue to get in trouble and expelled. They are using evidence-based practices to provide this model; Ms. Joseph is on the committee.

Pursuing a new branding for the school and potentially using the rectory; also, looking at serving overage 8th graders and have a 3rd lab and not in a traditional setting; however, they would still be able to take state tests.

Should start receiving accelerated students in July, and finalizing partnerships with Goodwill and Professor from Del Gado for dual enrollment for our kids.

Ms. Coe asked if the Principal candidates were local and Ms. Joseph replied that all four candidates were local.

2. Type 5 Charter Progress Report/School Plan—Tracy Joseph (See above)

3. Financials– CJ Bower (Discussion/Action)

This was month a positive month and amount of expulsion students increased so we broke; however, there is a year-to-date deficit which we hope to bring down by year end. External Audit is scheduled for 3rd week in September for the 16-17 school year.

IV. Board Updates and Action Items

1. Elect a new Treasurer-tabling until next meeting
2. Board Recruitment Update-August is Rachael's last month due to other priorities; will need to find committed to CLA
3. Subcommittee Updates, if any (Discussion/Action)
 - a. Compliance/Governance Committee: no updates at this time
 - b. Fundraising Committee: Planning strategy for Spaghetti night in the Fall-survey was sent out. Ms. Coe indicated that based on responses, 8/29 is the best day for everyone. Ms. Carter to send donation letter to the board for distribution to companies/agencies that can contribute; Ms. Coe will do research; cost will be \$10/plate and everything will be prepared in the kitchen, including a vegetarian option; signage will be placed on Shirley. Message needs to go out around 7/1 to make sure people hear about it. CJ Bower will check to see how we can allow people to donate money.
 - c. Drive-thru Fish Fry in the spring; discuss later in the calendar year
4. Future Agenda Items:
 - Check in on spaghetti dinner
 - Bring in 1 or two non-profit organizations that deal with parent engagement in schools
 - Keep the organizations that are engaged with us and try to get others more involved

V. Public Comment: Brady Shannon from LAPCS attended and indicated that when OPSB ramps up, they require that parent be on the Governing Board.

VI. Adjournment at 6:18pm: Mr. Atkins moved to adjourn, Ms. Coe 2nd the motion; all approved.

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