



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

I. Roll Call 5:40 pm

Board Members: Amelie Wax, Maurice Lightfoot, Rachael Coe, Avery Foret; Warren Atkins, Jr. and Kisha Laurent Gaudin via phone

CMO Members: Tracy Bennett-Joseph and Nancey Carter

Board Member Recruits: Farah Parker and Liz Horn

II. Review and Approval of Agenda and June Meeting Minutes (Action) Tabled until quorum is achieved.

III. ESP Reports

1. Superintendent Report – Tracy Joseph (Discussion)

All staff are hired except for the Principal, and every teacher that was newly hired is credentialed. Maurice Lightfoot requested that the final hiring decision be made by Ms. Joseph and that the Principal reports to her. Ms. Joseph is looking for the right person to rebrand the school and make it a place where students are learning and reaching their full potential. Once the Principal is hired, Ms. Joseph will introduce him/her to the board.

School fundraiser is August 29th and will be added to the school calendar.

Met with Communities in Schools, but the cost for a partnership is \$65K/yr. The Board would like to know if the school could fundraise to cover the cost.

Still haven't received any accelerated students from RSD yet.

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

Currently, 90 students returning. Administration is also finalizing bus services and security services from the submitted bids.

Court administrator grant could possibly be used to define the program for CLA. Also, looking for federal funding for the rectory to utilize as another resource for youth.

Emmanuel Martinez came in and created beautiful mural in cafeteria with the help of CLA student, Robert Lewis.

Board asked how close we are to going back to Orleans parish. Ms. Joseph submitted an application, but all schools must go under by July 2018.

3. Financials– CJ Bower (Discussion/Action)

Tabled for next meeting. No one present or on the phone had any questions about the June Financials.

IV. Board Updates and Action Items

1. Board Recruitment Update

- a. Introduced potential board members Liz Horn and Farah Parker who discussed their background and why they would like to be part of the board. The board will consider and make a decision during the August Board Meeting.

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

- a. Fundraising Committee: Planning strategy is in the works for the Spaghetti night fundraiser.

Updated donation letter so everyone can see it for signage (City Blueprint): times for volunteers are 4:00-8:00pm and spaghetti will be served from 5:00-7:00 pm; will have one more meeting before the fundraiser, so Ms. Coe will be sending quite a few emails. Will follow up with CJ to see if we can get a donation tab on the website for donations.

- b. Drive-thru Fish Fry is tabled until the spaghetti fundraiser is completed.

3. Future Agenda Items-Choose new board members, elect Treasurer.

V. Public Comment-none

VI. Adjournment at 6:23pm: Mr. Lightfoot moved to adjourn, Ms. Coe 2nd the motion; all approved.

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