



**Crescent Leadership Academy
Regular Board Meeting Agenda
Thursday, November 16, 2017
5:30 pm @ Crescent Leadership Academy
2701 Lawrence Street
New Orleans, LA 70114**

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- I. Roll Call: 5:36pm Warren Atkins, Jr., Liz Horn, Cassandra Williams, Avery Foret Cootes, Amelie Wax
Via phone Tracy Bennett-Joseph, Nancey Carter, Terri Fisk, and Will Snowden
 - II. Review and Approval of Agenda and September Meeting Minutes (Action)
Table to later in the meeting when a quorum is present.
- III. ESP Reports
1. Superintendent Report and Type 5 Charter Progress Report– Tracy Joseph (Discussion)
75 students; budget is below because we are so low in enrollment; Mr. Coleman no longer with CLA; Monday interview-very important to have a consistent leader on the ground every day
Spirit week this week, and participating students are very excited about it; Fall Dance being sponsored by the seniors; focus on academics, but also fun days, such as upcoming Field Trip.
Building repairs becoming quite expensive; board should look at lease agreement to see if can be renegotiated; Need to send to Avery to review.
Cancer celebration at the end of October; 12 seniors not taking school seriously but speaking with them weekly to get them across the stage at the end of May
ANet-looking at providing extra professional development to assist teachers with rigor in the classrooms and instructional delivery, overall, to assist teachers with incorporating the standards into their classroom instruction. Need to find out where to get the money, but we can also apply for a grant to cover part of it.
Need to find alternative transportation options for the beginning of the year because school busses are busting the budget. Three quarters of our students take the school bus. Student injured pulling laptop cord out of the wall.
Trying to brainstorm to see where and what can be cut to overcome challenges for the next year.
Have we had a town hall for students and parents to see how to ensure the campus always stays safe? Students indicated they all feel safe. Going to start running Active Shooter Drills on a regular basis. Can the board help support the school in any way; Ms. Joseph asked they continue to bring in resources for the staff, students, and school.
 2. Financials– CJ Bower (Discussion/Action)
\$22k over budget; certain areas might be able to be reduced. CMO is trying to help reduce costs as much as possible. Staff are scrutinizing every expense to make sure it's correct. Warren would like to explore the feasibility of having an NOPD officer on the campus.
Avery asked that any funds needed be addressed to the President and Treasurer, or to provide them documentation after the fact. Asked for a survey; all surveyed were fine with doing this.

IV. Board Updates and Action Items

1. Subcommittee Updates, if any (Discussion/Action)
 - a. Compliance/Governance Committee: Create or remove from Agenda?
 - b. Fundraising Committee: Completed one fundraiser; next one is potentially in the spring.
2. Future Agenda Items: how to handle the next seven months and what the next year looks like.

Benefits to moving under OPSB. Warren will be sending an email out to the board with a synopsis of what OPSB expectations are going to be.

Discussion of fundraisers “Spring Fling” at next meeting.

Cassandra asked there be a career day right after the beginning of the year. Would like the status of all the seniors in the next report.

Asked board to contribute \$100-150 to the school to provide to graduating students, and Matching campaign.

Big Class partnership.

12/4 from 8-2 active shooter training looking for volunteers, Cassandra to send out email from homeland security.

V. Public Comment: no one from the public on the call.

VI. Adjournment @6:36pm.