



**Crescent Leadership Academy
Regular Board Meeting Agenda
Thursday, March 15, 2018
5:30 pm @ Crescent Leadership Academy
2701 Lawrence Street
New Orleans, LA 70114**

I. 5:37 pm Roll Call

Board Members: Warren Atkins, Jr., Tommy Maginnis, Maurice Lightfoot; Avery Cootes-Foret, Liz Horn and Cassandra Williams via phone.

CMO Members: Tracy Bennett-Joseph; Nancey Carter and CJ Bower via phone

II. Review and Approval of Agenda and January/February Meeting Minutes (Action): Postponed until quorum is attained.

III. ESP Reports

1. Superintendent Report and Type 5 Charter Progress Report– Tracy Joseph (Discussion)
Currently at 94 students, with an increase since 2nd count. Will receive additional expulsion funding, but they are going to be able to return to their sending school in August.

Transitioning under OPSB: set up a contract with goals that students need to achieve before they leave CLA, relating to attendance/behavior/grades. Haven't received a green light yet. Will have a more formal transition plan before the student leaves CLA; other CEOs are eager to look at these initiatives. What can CLA do different that is outside of the other alternative programs.

Submitted the SIG grant individually and we're also part of the team application NSNO is submitting.

The half-day career fair at CLA is scheduled for 4/4 and begins at 9am. A survey monkey was sent to our students to prepare for the career fair and feedback was primarily an interest in engineering. Would love the board to come and present on their careers. Will work with seniors to create a resume and they will go into the mock interview being held by the Federal Bar Association partnership.

Lot of new changes in accountability and curriculum next year; more resources with the SIG grant.

Federal Bar Assn collaboration has been very productive and they are very enthusiastic.

2. Financials– CJ Bower (Discussion/Action)

We had 13 new expulsion students after the 2nd count; this month has been the highest month so far this year and next month should be higher which all helps the bottom line. ROP is putting management fee on hold until school revenues increase.

IV. Board Updates and Action Items

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

- a. Compliance/Governance Committee: Create or remove from Agenda? Remove temporarily.

- b. Fundraising Committee: Future Fundraisers? For the month of March, considering something that would highlight accomplishments of women in careers like a student created museum. Also, look at a women's day luncheon dealing with soft skills; possibly the last week of the month.

Fish fry for good Friday. April-earth day-beautification and cleanup. Men's mentor moment with men helping young men with soft skills. Possibly look at a Dave and Buster Fun day as the final event.

May-senior week. Come up with unique days they can engage in and close out week with a crawfish boil.

Women in engineering can be a theme for the women's day luncheon. Would like to see mom's come out, as well as father or father-figure for the men's mentor moment. Might be too short of a turn-around for the Good Friday Fish Fry, but perhaps add it to senior week.

2. Board Calendar-need more board activity with the students and at student events.
3. Current Unsigned Lease-Avery looked at the lease agreement from a legal aspect. Lease has been expired for over a year now. Have lease signed by end of the month. Is everyone in agreeance with negotiating with the landlord rather than moving? All in favor. Look to see if we can lower insurance and property taxes-submit request for exemption.
4. Pledge Forms-all board members must fill out the pledge form and commit to attending at least one student event and graduation.

Need to do a 2nd charter because we are not going to get any other pocket of students. Until we start showing outcomes, we are not going to be at the table with First Line, the Net and KIPP. Need a stronger marketing plan and need a marketing budget. Need to consider implementing a GED prep program.

5. Future Agenda Items: keep board calendar, unsigned lease, pledge forms up for next meeting. New Item-returning to OPSB.

V. Public Comment-no one from the public is present.

VI. Adjournment @6:45pm.