



**Crescent Leadership Academy  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, July 18, 2018  
5:30 pm @ Crescent Leadership Academy  
2701 Lawrence Street  
New Orleans, LA 70114**

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I. Roll Call @5:39pm: in person-Liz Horn, Maurice Lightfoot, Tracy Bennett-Joseph; via phone-Cassandra Williams, Warren Atkins, Jr., Will Snowden, Farrah Parker, Nancey Carter, CJ Bower

II. Review and Approval of Agenda and April/May/June Meeting Minutes (Action) is tabled for the next meeting

III. ESP Reports

1. Superintendent Report and Type 5 Charter Progress Report– Tracy Joseph (Discussion)  
Teachers returned this week, but two new teachers need additional documentation; they will report back on Monday when the rest of the staff return. Professional Development week is on track.

Lost quite a few kids with last round of the OneApp process. Will have final number by tomorrow. Have gained some students, but need to look at the overall numbers to see how they affect the budget. Several schools have committed to sending students to us. Ms. Joseph will follow up with the hearing office because the decision to send students to CLA was changed at the hearing office. There has been conversation about doing away with the OneApp system and to have community schools which means students could directly enroll at CLA.

At a good place with staffing. Interviewed a school leader, but Ms. Joseph would like to speak with the board in person about potential concerns. Still in need of a PE teacher; hired a part-time Social Worker. Mr. Deal is moving to part-time and an offer has been made to a nurse.

Parent orientation has been going on all this week with staff meeting at whatever time the parent can meet (6am through 5pm) to accommodate their schedules.

Kicking off partnership with ANet (with the redesign grant). LEAP 20/25 has been put together by the state.

Keeping up with the OPSB deadlines. Ms. Joseph has a meeting there tomorrow from 8-9:30am and will have more information to report to the board.

Ms. Joseph will be sending out a form to every board member that needs to be completed Wednesday.

2. Financials– CJ Bower (Discussion/Action)

Balance sheet shows \$122K in the bank; timing issue includes getting ready to pay monthly bills. There is \$244K in A/R waiting for RSD moneys. Current year's earnings are showing a loss of \$165k for the year. Revenues were down because the state went through and adjusted revenues down by 76 kids; expulsion revenue is also down. Salaries are positive to budget; direct student care had to pay quarterly taxes on the building because schools are not exempt. Instructional supplies are over budget about 2K.

Outside audit will be taking place in October. Ms. Bower is putting together a plan to address the going concern of losing money over last two years.

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

- a. Fundraising Committee: Is this the time to talk about it or should we table it? Ms. Williams said to table to make sure everything is in order for the school board and with the instructors coming on board. Need to take care of the serious issues first; bringing in someone from the parent group and wait until then. All in attendance agreed. Revisit fundraising at the August meeting

4. Follow-up on Student Recruitment: went out and ordered signs and put them up all over the city; haven't gotten a response yet. One of the other alternative sites have an opportunity to deny students and that upset some of the other CMOs as no one else has been denying students. Ms. Joseph will continue to have those conversations for schools to refer students to CLA. Big concern about recruiting students is there's no historical background on those kids and this has posed some safety issues. Once school starts, will see rewards from conversations. Currently, the parent Center is not allowing parents to choose CLA.

5. Future Agenda Items-all those items tabled

Character development curriculum rollout is at the beginning of the year and will allow staff to come together as a team to have a voice in putting it together.

Orientation with parents has been a great way to start talking about expectations. If board members have any ideas, please share creativity and volunteer opportunities.

IV. Public Comment: No one from the public was in attendance or on the phone.

VI. Adjournment at 6:00pm.