

FOCSI MINUTES

Carolina School for Inquiry FoCSI Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2015

➤ Meeting called to order/Welcome

Mrs. Grant called the meeting to order at 6:05

Attendees

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Last meeting minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Treasury Report

\$3400.00 and \$188 deposit pending from talent show. We received \$140.50 in Box Tops funding that is pending deposit.

B. T-shirt Bill

The \$707.05 outstanding balance on the T-Shirt has been paid.

C. 100% FOCSI Participation Party

Nurse Hurt spoke with Mrs. Evans and confirmed that she would like to have something inexpensive for her class's 100% FOCSI participation party. She prefer something other than food. FOCSI decided that we would sponsor a water party with water balloons and sprinklers. Tuesday, May 19th at 1:30pm.

D. Officer Nominations for 2015-2016 school years

There weren't too many nominations during the meeting to fill these seats. However, the current officers have agreed to remain in their current positions if no other nominations are made. Ballots will be created using Google Drive and distributed to FOCSI distribution list by Wednesday.

The current officers are as follows:

President:	Mr. Cox
Vice President:	Mrs. Grant
Secretary:	Ms. Gamble
Treasurer:	Ms. Johnson

Going forward, the officers will hold these positions for two consecutive years.

E. Recycling Project

The Herby Curbys have been delivered.

The seniors are going on a field trip on May 6th to learn about recycling.

The Leo's club will work with Mr. Cox to promote the recycling project.

F. Talent Show was 04/24 @6pm in the gathering area

The talent show was a huge success and fun for everyone involved. FOCSI is excited about planning next year's event. Mr. Ackers will put together something from the video and pictures taken that day. In future years FOCSI will hire a videographer.

We earned \$188.00 that will be used to purchase 2 Sprout Tablets. Mrs. Johnson can visit Walmart and make the purchase since they are approximately \$99 each.



G. Review of By-Laws

We will review the By-Laws at our next meeting.

Committee Reports

A. **May Fest**

- **Car Show –**

Mr. Baughman was not in attendance at the meeting so we did a recap of the Car Show information from the previous meeting (see below)

Mr. Baughman announced that there are currently 86 cars signed up to participate in the car show. Registration will begin next week.

He will make electronic and paper ballots available as a voting option.

Voting will close at 12:30 and trophies will be given at 2:30.

DJ Charles will be the DJ for the event and Mr. Baughman confirmed that his music is age appropriate.

The DARE car will be one of the new petrol cars

The CAT vehicle will be here

Mr. Baughman is still checking with the captain about closing the back road for safety reasons and using that space for overflow.

Registration and the DJ will be on the hill and Mrs. Dixon-Mokeba said that power will be made available in that area.

Mr. Baughman needs raffle items (i.e. Car items, movie tickets, gift cards, etc.) He would like to do a \$1 raffle and a 50/50 drawing.

The trophies are being ordered. The cost is \$110-120.

Mr. Baughman is still soliciting assistance in handing out trophies @ 2:30pm. Mr. Cox confirmed that they Lyons will be available to assist.

Mr. Baughman did say that they have an event planned at Quaker State on Spears Creek Church Road, the 1st Saturday in May at 6pm. DJ Charles will be the DJ at this event if we would like to attend to see him work.

- Mr. Butler was unable to attend the meeting so we did a review of his information (see below)

***Mr. Butler** confirmed that the church parking lot is available but he would like Mrs. Dixon-Mokeba to speak with someone from the church just as a good gesture.*

- **Mrs. Henryhand** is checking with Hwy patrol on their availability and confirmed that they can bring anything kids related.

- **Bouncy Houses –** Nurse Hurt contacted a vendor and reserved 2 bouncy houses for May Fest. They will set up from 8:30 – 3pm.

2 Bouncers and popcorn machine (includes 50 servings of popcorn) but requested 50 additional servings.

Nurse Hurt has the invoice from Supreme Bouncers for \$315.00

- Vendors – We agreed to continue as planned with vendors @ \$25 per table. We will set them up in the cafeteria and we will provide tables.

Currently we have interest from vendors selling jewelry, Pampered Chef, 31 Bags, Soaps, Shea Butter creams, Handbags plus more.

- **DP Cooper** band will be on sight
- **Silent Auction** – An email was distributed to the teachers asking for silent auction donations and themes. So far we have received the following:
 - Mrs. Sistare – South Carolina/Palmetto State Basket
 - Ms. DiFronzo – Sports (Boys) Basket

- **Advertisement** - Mr. Butler was unavailable but in a prior meeting wanted to confirm that we are advertising this event as much as possible to make it a success.

We need to have signs placed at the fire department and other places in the community, advertise on the radio, in the newspapers, free times, and our website and Facebook pages. It would be a great idea to have someone attend the neighborhood meetings and make the announcement. Advertise at CIU and Benedict and also solicit volunteers at those locations.

Mrs. Dixon-Mokeba asked Councilmen Rush and McKetcheon to come and present any item or topic they would like to bring to the community.

- Mrs. Shelton is going to create flyers and have them printed as a donation to the event. She will create 165 in Black and White for the students to carry home and 100 Colored copies for distribution and posting throughout the community. We will ask Mr. Butler to post them throughout the community and at the community center and Meadow lakes community.
 - Mrs. Henryhand will make contact with Mr. Jones from USC to request assistance with volunteer efforts
 - Mrs. Dixon-Mokeba will ask Mrs. Shivers to speak with the community members
 - Mrs. Grant will contact Mr. Salley from Benedict to seek assistance with our event.
 - Mrs. Grant and Mrs. Shelton will contact John Scott
 - Mrs. Dixon-Mokeba will contact Mayor Benjamin
 - Mrs. Shelton will contact Congresswoman Dixon
 - Mrs. Dixon-Mokeba will try to contact Darcy Strickland
 - Mrs. Henryhand has made contact with Jamal Bates to see if we can get 95.3 to come out
- **Food** – Other than the fish fry, other food on the menu will include hotdogs, water, Gatorade, candy, chips, etc.

Mrs. Johnson will check to see if she can get a donation from Food lion. Other FOCSI members will solicit assistance from other places as well like the Coca Cola Company.

Mrs. Grant will contact Coca Cola (Bryant Sumter) for a donation

We should also request assistance from the neighborhood churches

Donation letters are attached

- **Volunteers** – All FOCSI members should ask a few people to come out and volunteer at this event. We will need people to assist with the games, serving food, etc.

The flyers will include a tear pad that will allow interested persons to sign up to volunteer. This will allow the committee to pre-assign volunteer areas so that everything can be organized.

B. Teacher Appreciation

Teachers appreciation days are from May 4 – 8th. And back by popular demand will be lunch from Miyo's in Irmo. Lunch will be served on Wednesday May 6th.

C. Book Fair

The book fair surpassed our expectations. The CSI family really came through and made this a success. We doubled our goals.

Because of our success, we have been able to arrange with Scholastic to have our book fair during the week of Read across America for the 2015-2016 school year. In addition, we can choose they type of fair we want to provide.

Other

A. Book Donation

The CSI media center received a huge book donation from Mr. Luther Holmes. CSI and the Media Center would like to express our appreciation to Mr. Holmes for this donation. The books are being reviewed by Mr. Cox and will soon be available for display at the CSI media center.

The students are already excited about the new books.

B. Yearbook Sales

Yearbook sales begin May 11th. They are \$20 each while supplies last.

Principal's Report

SC Charter School Day

Tuesday, April 21, 2015 was SC Charter School Day. CSI visited the State House where Mrs. Dixon-Mokeba spoke and one CSI student sang a song in Mandarin.

CSI Students made great signs telling why CSI is so special.

Buses (paid for by proceeds of the Applebee's Pancake Breakfast) left the school @ 10:30am.

The Rally began at 11:30am

All students received Frisbees instead of t-shirts.

You can visit Public Schools Options and find Project Capital to find out more about the event.

The students went to Findley Park that afternoon.

*The organizer and National President of the Public Schools Options invited Mrs. Dixon-Mokeba to Washington, DC to participate on a panel. This is a great honor and opportunity to promote our school.

Testing

*ACT ASPIRE testing starts tomorrow 04/28/2015, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday with Friday being a makeup day.

* SC PASS starts next week. 3rd graders don't have to take Science and Social Studies.

Communication

Mrs. Dixon-Mokeba will consider offering paper communications in lieu of emailed communication for the individuals who don't check emails as often as others. An option will be made available during registration.

Announcements

NEXT MEETING

Regularly scheduled meeting is May 11, 2015

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:24pm

Date: _____

Dear Sponsor,

The purpose of this letter is to invite your participation to partner with Carolina School for Inquiry, a public Charter Elementary School in Richland School District One. Our school is planning our end of the year May Fest on Saturday, May 16, 2015 from 9:00 am – 2:30 pm. The day will be filled with lessons, games, crafts and activities that share the “Festiveness” of family and community.

We are anticipating approximately 250 participants, and would greatly appreciate assistance. Food for the event includes but is not limited to fish, hot dogs, chips, drinks, etc.)

We are asking your assistance. The purpose of our May Fest is to celebrate our students’ academic success over the 2014-2015 school year. Please note that any donations are acceptable and all donations are tax deductible. EIN#20-3214898.

Should you require any further information, please contact our FOCSI President, Bob Cox via telephone (803) 397-8678 or via email at rjcoxii@live.com.

Thank you for giving back to the community. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

(INSERT NAME HERE)

Friends of Carolina School for Inquiry
7405-A Fairfield Road
Columbia SC, 29203

Please mail all correspondence to:
P.O. Box 2484
Columbia, SC 29202

Carolina School for Inquiry Annual May Festival Vendor Contract

_____, (the Vendor), agrees to set up a sales booth at the
Business or Individual Name

Carolina School for Inquiry Annual May Festival for a fee of \$25 per table. The Festival will be held at the Carolina School for Inquiry campus at 7405 Fairfield Road, Columbia, SC 29203, on Saturday May 16th, 2015 from 9:30am-2:30pm. Round tables and 6ft rectangular tables will be available. Please bring your own tablecloth. Booth set up is from 8:30 to 9:30 am on Saturday, May 16th. **Vendor space will be secured once this contract is returned with the booth fee paid in full. For Questions, call**

_____.

Vendor Name: _____ **Products Sold:** _____

Phone: _____ **Address:** _____ **City:**

_____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Number of spaces/tables (\$25 each): _____

The Vendor spaces will be inside the school gym.

(NO PRONOGRAPHIC MATERIAL, FIREWORKS, GUNS/AMMUNITION)

Carolina School for Inquiry will not be responsible for accidents or theft.

Make checks payable to FOCSI or contact Festival representative directly to arrange payment.

Vendor Representative _____ Date Submitted _____

Festival Representative _____ Date Received _____ Amount Received
