

Carolina School for Inquiry

Meeting of the Board, September 4, 2014(as the regular August Board Mtg) **MINUTES**

Call to Order: J. Epps

(Roll Call: J. Epps (acting Chair), S. Tryon (Sec.), W. Price, L. Murdaugh, A. T-Cotton, T. Ellis via conf.call). Director, V. D. Mokeba)

- Agenda- unanimously adopted.
- Minutes of 7/31/14- unanimously accepted.
- Minutes of Emergency Board Mtg 8/8/14 called by the chair- Rev. Hall- unanimously adopted with typo correction.
- Unanimous Vote: Tonight's Meeting of the Board is an official meeting of the board based upon a quorum of those members in attendance and proper notice having been given.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Committee Reports:

- FINANCE: Bill Moser- see July 2014 Financial Report Notes. Unanimous Vote to adopt the July Financial Report Notes as information.
- FACILITY: Sally Tryon- presented rough draft of possible lease agreement form for renting cafeteria two nights per month to members of CCC. Members are to review for suggestions. VDM will present to attorney for review and to answer question whether CSI can lease cafe for \$ under terms of CSI/RCRC contract. Also needed to be addressed is insurance clause. Unanimous vote to accept this report as information.

Director's Report:

- CSI off to a great school year!
- 3 and 4 Ks began this week and are doing a wonderful job!
- CSI helped with the CCC Back-to-School Bash with nurse on site, bouncy house, etc.
- Elementary school band and chorus, after school art club, Lego club, math and science club in works.
- TAP leadership off to great start.
- Friday is Grits for Grandparents!
- Student Government Association speeches due tomorrow.
- New Hires/positions:
 - Diane Hobbs, teacher
 - Courtney Jeffers, teacher
 - Alicia DiFronzo, teacher
 - Kathy Evans, teacher
 - Beverly Pinnell, teacher
 - Erin Mathis, teacher

Bernice White, teacher STEM Coach
Alison Harmon, Reading Coach
Tamika Lowe, Master Teacher (Moved from being a classroom teacher)
Willie Peay, custodial/maintenance. Background checks have been completed on all new hires.

- 156 students. Slots for a few more in the 3/4k program.
- Working to get staff updated on Web asap.
- Executive Committee team working well together!
- SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS: to be held September 22, 2014 until 3:00pm. Mr. Ellis and Rev. Hall seats are open. October 14th: newly elected Board Members and officers sworn in. Official Board Training at a date TBD.

Unanimous Vote: Monthly Board Meeting dates for October, November, and December are revised to:

- Oct. 14 - Regular Meeting of the Board immediately following the Annual Meeting.
- Nov. 20th (because of the Nov. 27 holiday)
- Dec. 8th (because of holidays)

Vote: Unanimous Vote to enter into Executive Session. No vote was taken in Executive Session.

Return to Open Session:

L. Murdaugh motions to accept the new hires listed above. VDM will notify the board once the contracts have been signed. VOTE: unanimous approval to accept the new hires.

W. Price motions that Rev. Hall step aside as Chair and the Vice Chair, Mr. T. Ellis assume the Chair position, and that Chairman Hall will recuse himself from any involvement in any alleged investigation. The motion was seconded by A. Cotton. VOTE: unanimous approval: T. Ellis is now Chair of CSI Board and will follow up by informing Rev. Hall of this action of the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55PM.