

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD  
CAROLINA SCHOOL FOR INQUIRY  
RICHLAND COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA  
April 11, 2006**

**Place and Time of Meeting**

The regular meeting of the Carolina School for Inquiry Board was held at Crane Creek Community Center, 7405 Fairfield Road, Columbia, SC, on Tuesday, April 11 at 6:30 p.m. pursuant to notice having been duly given to the media and to all members of the Board in accordance with the rules of the Board.

**Call to Order/Roll Call**

The following members were present:

Stacie Mandrell, Kathy Thomas, Sue Carstensen, Hans von Rautenfeld, Jeannie Eidson, and Mark Roberts

Members absent: Trina Randle

**OFFICERS REPORTS**

Treasurer's Report

Kathy Thomas presented the treasurer's report which is attached.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Facility Committee – Jeannie Eidson

Jeannie Eidson reported on the progress of the building repairs. The lighting has been installed. Next week, the heating/ac unit will be installed. After that is completed, the building will be ready for painting. J. E. asked for recommendations for professional painters. The RCRC will install the carpet, which will cost 8.50/sq yd.

J. E. suggested that the Board should fence in the back area during the first year and the front area during the second year.

The contract is under review by Cathy McCabe, our lawyer.

Interview Committee – Stacie Mandrell

There are two more applications for the TA position and they will be interviewed on Thursday, April 13, 2006.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Jeannie Eidson moved to end meetings at 8:15 p.m. After some discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

Mike Williams of the RCRC described their after school program.

RCRD has 15 sites. They are responsible for planning, hiring, and fee collection. The program consists of a snack, one hour of homework time, planned physical activity, and student-driven club activity.

Prices vary from \$30-40/wk currently. The minimum # of students in a program is 15, with a counselor/student ratio of 1 to 12. The program has been ABC accredited with an excellent rating.

Teachers and TAs can be hired as counselors if they are available at the beginning of the program. It starts the first day and is available on in-service days and some holidays. Students must be picked up by 6:00 pm. There are extensive monitoring and evaluation tools in place.

Registration would begin July 17, if CSI participates in the program. There will be a vote at the April 25, 2006 meeting.

#### Introduce New Hires

None at this time

#### By-laws discussion and amendments

We need to find out if we need approval of the RC District 1 school board to amend our by-laws. The board considered the amendments as presented by Hans von Rautenfeld. The board will postpone further action until we have heard from RCD1 and from Cathy McCabe.

#### Out of district students

At this point, 10 of our students are from out of district, meaning we will lose \$50 thousand in funding.

#### Director's Contract

Sue Carstensen moved to eliminate the clause in Victoria Dixon-Mokeba's contract which would give CSI rights to any intellectual property developed by Ms. Mokeba while employed at CSI. Stacie Mandrell seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote.

**Resolved: The CSI Board of Directors will eliminate the clause in Victoria Dixon-Mokeba's contract which would give CSI rights to any intellectual property developed by Ms. Mokeba while employed at CSI.**

#### Student enrollment issues and update

Stacie Mandrell moved to enlarge the 4-5 grade class to 19 students. Consideration of the motion was postponed until the April 25, 2006 meeting.

#### Family Gathering

Details on the next family gathering will be discussed at the April 25, 2006 meeting.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**