

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
CAROLINA SCHOOL for INQUIRY
RICHLAND COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
September 12, 2006

Place and Time of Meeting

The meeting of the Carolina School for Inquiry Board was held at Carolina School for Inquiry, 7405-A Fairfield Road, Columbia, South Carolina, on Tuesday, September 12, 2006 at 6:40 pm 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:

Jeannie Eidson, Hans von Rautenfeld, Trina Randle, Mark Roberts, Quinton Epps, Sue Carstensen and Courtney Simmons.

Additional attendees: Stacie Mandrell, Victoria Dixon-Mokeba and Vickie Laughlin

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from the August 22, 2006 meeting was tabled until revisions are completed.

Report on Monthly Financial Statement B Quinton Epps

Mr. Epps reported the current financial situation is good. The Board was informed five students have left for personal reasons. Students on the waiting list are being notified. Mr. Epps reiterated skillful expenditures are to be accomplished. The August 2006 Budget Report was distributed.

Public Comments: None

Officer and Committee Reports:

Building Committee - Jeannie Eidson

RCRC is continuing to work on the painting the exterior of the building. The lawn care is on a ten (10) day cycle by RCRC. This is a ten (10) business day cycle not calendar day cycle. Mrs. Eidson will talk with Linda Carter of RCRC regarding getting the lawn mowed once a week. The painting of the mailbox by Pamela Meriwether has been completed. The colorful mailbox will be installed by Chris Richards.

Director's Report - Victoria Dixon-Mokeba

See attached.

Curriculum Coordinator's Report - Stacie Mandrell

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Mrs. Mandrell reported CSI's first curriculum night was a huge success with great parent participation. The Archery program by RCRC was an enormous hit with the students. Mrs. Mandrell informed the Board that interim reports would not be distributed on Thursday as stated on the school calendar. She has prepared a letter to the parents regarding the curriculum and explaining what has been happening in the classrooms. All teachers are required to have parent/teacher conferences prior to providing a detailed narrative progress report on October 19th. She also reported the teachers have been busy teaching the students their *Rights and Responsibilities*. The teachers have creatively interwoven the writing of the offenses (if the *Rights and Responsibilities* are broken) decided by the students into their lesson plans.

Understanding of **Inquiry-based Learning** by some of the parents or lack of was extensively discussed. To better explain the concept to parents Mrs. Mandrell will distribute a Curriculum Report each week. She also has instructed the teachers to incorporate "what is happening in the classroom" in their weekly newsletters.

New Business:

The Board Elections schedule was discussed. Mrs. Eidson announced the Board Elections at the Curriculum/PSTA meeting on September 7. A flyer was ready for distribution and has been posted on the website. Information regarding the Board Election as well as the application has been posted on the website and made available in the school office. Mark Roberts volunteered to chair the election process.

The Board was informed:

- Full time Guidance Counselor is needed in the near future
- Wish to purchase Lap Top computers for the teachers
- Web Page has been updated

Discussion of a Recycling Program was tabled.

Other Business:

Mrs. Mandrell continues to leave telephone messages for the contractors daily regarding installation of the Playground Equipment.

The following agenda items were tabled:

- After School Program
- 501 (C) (3) Status
- Domain Invoices

A motion to adjourn was made by Mark Roberts and seconded by Hans von Rautenfeld. The motion passed without objection. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.