

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board
CAROLINA SCHOOL for INQUIRY
Richland County, South Carolina
April 1, 2008

Place and Time of Meeting

The regular meeting of the Carolina School for Inquiry was held at Carolina School for Inquiry, 7405-A Fairfield Road, Columbia South Carolina on Tuesday April 1st 2008 at 6:30pm 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 Meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:42pm, followed by the reading of the mission statement.

The following Board members were present: Kathy Duffy-Thomas, Jeannie Eidson, Queen Bonaparte, Mark Roberts, Darlene S. Bell, Quinton Epps, and Wilfred Rogers.

Additional Attendees: Victoria Dixon-Mokeba, Chris Richards, Jacqueline Boulware, Terri Washington and Bill Moser.

Agenda was approved unanimously on a motion from Jeannie and seconded by Queen.

Approval of Minutes:

Approved on a motion from Queen and seconded by Darlene.

Public Comments: None

Board Development Discussion: The Chair stressed the importance of the Board conducting continuous development and training for better efficiency. She said that there are several areas of development that she feels we need to explore. Jeannie commented that we may need to possibly consider having Board members with staggering terms in office in order to establish continuity on the Board. Currently the by-laws do not allow us to have rotating terms for members. Thus any change in terms in office would have to follow a change in the by-laws.

Committee Reports:

Business: Darlene moved that the February budget be received as information. Discussion was held on the FY' 08-09 Annual operating budget (draft). Bill fielded questions on the budget and the projected line increases and decreases. Any questions on the draft should be directed to Darlene.

Governance: Mark led the discussion on the Administration Evaluation Instrument. He recommended that the board adopt the evaluation tool used in the SCAPCS workbook because it is comprehensive and comes in three phases. After discussion, the recommendation was made that everyone be given a chance to review the instrument before it is adopted. Therefore the issue was sent back to committee until the May meeting.

2) Teacher Surveys: a template would be developed to give out for teacher feedback. The format of the survey would give teachers the opportunity to give 5 positive comments about CSI and make 5 suggestions for improvements with recommendation/solutions.

Directors Report:

- Parent surveys from the State Department of Education were randomly mailed out to parents. The parents are to fill out the surveys and mail them back directly to the SDE in the envelopes provided.
- Spring Fling was moved to April 26.
- Enrollment questions were answered.
- Extensive discussion was held on when the cut-off date should be for mid-year student enrollment. Consideration should be given to the time of year the student enrolls, how close to PACT testing time, and the effect of the lack of full enrollment on our budget allocation. The Education committee was directed to come up with a policy for cut-off enrollment.
- It was suggested that more information on curriculum issues be included in the director's report with information coming directly from the curriculum consultants as an attachment to the director's report.

The Board went into executive session at 8:30 on a motion from Wilfred and seconded by Mark.

Executive session ended at 10:10 pm.

A motion was made by Wilfred and seconded by Jeannie to make the CSI teacher contracts reflective of the Richland School District 1 teacher contracts. The motion passed without opposition.

The meeting adjourned at 10:12 pm.