

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board  
**CAROLINA SCHOOL for INQUIRY**  
Richland County, South Carolina  
August 5, 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 August 5<sup>th</sup> 2008 at 6:30 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 Meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:40pm. The reading of the mission statement followed.

*The following Board members were present:* Kathy Duffy-Thomas, Darlene S. Bell, Quinton Epps, Queen Bonapart and Wilfred Rogers.

*Additional Attendees:* Victoria Dixon-Mokeba,

Agenda was adopted on a motion from Queen and a second from Wilfred.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The Minutes from the July 15<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved on a motion from Quinton and a second from Queen.

There were no Public Comments

**Committee Reports:**

Education: Quinton reported that he had spoken with Wes Smith and David Church about the 135 day cutoff proposal. Some of the issues discussed with Wes and David was whether or not the cutoff could be viewed as discrimination as well as would the enrollment drop hurt the school from a budgetary stand. After the discussion, it was determined that a policy change should be considered. Quinton will write a tentative policy for no admittance after the 135<sup>th</sup> day and send it out to the board members for review.

Grants: Quinton also reported that there are lots of grant opportunities out there but not many our school would qualify for. After discussion it was decided that the education committee and any other person who wanted to be involved, get together and brainstorm to develop a list of needs for the school and then look for grants to fit the need.

Finance: Darlene is continuing to investigate auditors and making sure that she looks for someone with Charter School experience.

Governance: Kathy reported that the Governance committee met and worked on the evaluation instrument for the Director. Also, work is continuing on revising the policy for out of district students.

Facilities: No report

Directors Report: The school is still operating with 108 students (full enrollment).

-There is one issue involving a special ed. student that needs to be resolved. The issue centers on how to provide service to the student on a 60/40 ratio between CSI and a host school and how transportation will be provided to and from the host school.

- Victoria met with the new Richland One Superintendent, Dr. Percy Mack. The meeting went very well. Dr Mack offered lots of support for the school and promised inclusion in many of the districts activities.

- Preliminary PACT scores are in. For the most part, the scores are good. However, some of the scores necessitate some changes in the structure of the Upper Elementary classes. There will not be as much multi-age teaching in grades 4 and 5. Their classes will be more grade specific.

-Curriculum coordination is back. Trina and Clavis along with Drs. Boutte and Johnson will be back as well.

-CSI will be able to utilize the professional development opportunities of RCSD1.

-Now that Charter Schools are on a 10 year renewable cycle, CSI should consider negotiating with RCRC for an extended contract on the use of these facilities.

No business for Executive Session

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 on motion from Darlene seconded by Queen.