

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Board  
Carolina School for Inquiry  
Richland County, South Carolina  
November 17, 2009**

**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 November 17<sup>th</sup> 2009 at 7:00pm pursuant to notice having been duly given to the media and all members of the Board in accordance with the rules of the Board.

**Call to Order/Roll Call**

The Chair Margaret West-Sumpter called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

*The following members were present:*

Margaret West-Sumpter, Kimberly Lewis, Kenya Cannon, Lawrence Black, DeAnna Bookert

*Non-Members present:*

Victoria Dixon-Mokeba, Bill Moser, Dr. Church

**Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was accepted on a motion from L. Black and seconded by K. Lewis.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from October were approved on a motion from L. Black and seconded by K. Lewis.

**Public Comments:**

Eric Lewis – Want better communication with parents about what is going on at the school. Mr. Lewis feels there has been a change in the atmosphere within the school.

Darlene Bell – Agreed with Mr. Lewis comments and wanted to address her concern with the change in the enrollment policy. Mrs. Bell feels the focus has been on non-educational matters since the start of the school year.

**Reports**

**Budget Committee:** Bill Moser provided budget changes and made suggestion to board to place \$135,000 into a interest baring money market account. Which would leave about \$100,000 in school account.

**Approval of Budget:**

Motion was made by L. Black to accept changes made to budget for October expenditures and seconded by K. Cannon to approve budget and changes as presented by Bill.

**Directors Report**

**Continuous Professional Development**

- Culturally Relevant Pedagogy - Through the grant teacher will be allotted \$175 to purchase multicultural literature for classroom instruction.
- Three teachers along with Victoria will participate in ongoing inquiry based instruction with Dr. Heidi Mills.
- Proposal has been submitted from CDSCorp where they will offer onsite as well as off site IT support.
- School is in the process of updating Microsoft office software.
- Microphone has been replaced in the gathering area.
- Curricular Conversations each Monday
- SASI- database is back up and running

**Education Community Partners**

Benedict College – one Student teachers placements

USC – spring four student placement

Ms. Washington was welcomed back by the board.

A motion to adjourn the board meeting was made and seconded by K. Cannon at 7:38pm.