

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Board
Carolina School for Inquiry
Richland County, South Carolina
February 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 February 17, 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 meeting was called to order at 7:17pm by the Vice-Chair Queen Bonaparte followed by a reading of the mission statement.

The following members were present:

Wilfred G. Rogers, Trina Randle, Ellen Duffy Cleary, H.M. Prince, and Queen Bonaparte. Non-Members present: Victoria Dixon-Mokeba,

Agenda was adopted on a motion Ellen and seconded by Trina.

Approval of Minutes

The January minutes were unanimously approved on a motion from Trina and a second from Ellen.

Public Comments:

None

Committee Reports

Education: Wilfred reported that a request was made to Dr Renee Matthews, Deputy Superintendent for RSD1, to provide us with a list of the information that we need to prepare to present to the Richland 1 School Board in order to get approval for grade 6 to be added to CSI. Once the information is collected, we will request an appointment with the School Board to present. It is the committee's goal to be prepared to present at the April School Board meeting.

Facility: A letter was presented to RCRC requesting that the 5 year contract between R.C.R.C and CSI for CSI to continue to be housed at the Crane Creek Community Center, be extended an additional seven years. This extension in facilities is sought to coincide with the charter extension that CSI has been granted by the State Department of Education to a full 10 year charter.

Finance: No report

Governance: No Report

Dr.Prince gave an overview of a PowerPoint presentation that he is preparing called” Designed by Choice ... Establishing and Maintaining an Effective Charter School Board of Directors”. This was prepared in anticipation of our Board conducting a breakout session at the S.C. Charter School Conference in Charleston at the end of March. The Board reviewed the presentation and offered suggestions.

Directors Report: Victoria reported the on following:

- Staff accepted the request to pay for their own meals at the Charter School conference in March.
- Concerns and complaints from the staff have subsided from the previous month
- Ms Washington, Ms. Boulware, and Ms. Dixon-Mokeba will be attending the Reading Conference in Myrtle Beach.
- Ms. V. Samuel will be attending the Kindergarten Conference.
- A charter school in Spartanburg S.C. wants to come and visit CSI.
- The first annual Science fair was a success. Three (3) fifth graders will participate in the State Science Fair conference in March.
- A chili cook-off is planned as a fund raiser by FOCSI.
- A. new copier has been purchased. The school still has the old copier but it is in limited use.
- A new school sign//banner has been purchased and placed in the front of the school.
- Parent University is held on Tuesday’s from 9-10am and 6-7pm.
- Feb. 27th is the African- American History Month program beginning at 10:30am. The speaker will be Norman Jackson. All classes will participate.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.