

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Board
Carolina School for Inquiry
Richland County, South Carolina
April 21, 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 April 21st, 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 7:12pm by the Chair Kathy Duffy-Thomas followed by a reading of the mission statement.

The following members were present:

Wilfred G. Rogers, Ellen Duffy Cleary, H.M. Prince, and Queen Bonaparte. Non-Members present: Victoria Dixon-Mokeba, Bill Moser, Ms.Keelin Ford, and Ms. Holly Wilson.

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

Approval of Minutes

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

Public Comments:

Ms. K. Ford expressed her concern over test scores and regular updates to the schools website. Ms. H. Wilson expressed concern over instructional assistants being pulled from classes regularly to assist with cafeteria duties.

Committee Reports

Education: Meeting is planned with RCSD1 cabinet to discuss the Out of District fees, incorporating the ADEPT evaluation process for teachers and, the proposal to add 6th grade making the school K-6.

Financial: Bill discussed the budget dilemma and the pressures on us to be even more fiscally conservative. The Board needs to be aware of the anticipated funding and the actual funds as they come available. Bill notes that the school is on sound financial grounds because we have been fiscally conservative. The school district should get some of the federal government's stabilization grant money but we have to make sure that it is allocated correctly so that CSI gets what is allowed. Bill also noted that the last 10% EFA cuts that we took from the district actually impacted the school at a rate of about 14%.

Facility: Queen met with Linda Carter to negotiate a contract extinction with RCRC at the same rate as we currently have. We asked for an extinction from a 2 year to a 10year contract at the

current rate with adjustments for “cost of living”. RCRC will present us with a contract for us to review and determine if we want to accept it. We should have the contract in time to review it before the current 3 year contract expires.

Director’s Report

- Victoria will meet with Donna Hammett and the RCSD1 cabinet at 2:00 on April 22.
- School notified parents in writing and by phone about the out-of-district assessment.
- Reviewed the 09-10 projection of enrollment.
- Reviewed the school enrollment breakdown by several categories.
- We anticipate the school to be at full enrollment of 108 for the 09-10 school year.
- Teachers went to the state Charter School Conference. The experience was enlightening for them.
- Victoria was selected as Administrator of the Year at the State Charter School Conference.
- Chris Richards was also recognized as Teacher of the Year for CSI.
- Middle Elementary students will be going to Charleston on 4/24.
- FOCSI is planning Mayfest for May 2nd from 10am -3pm. Lots of events have been scheduled.
- 5th grade promotion is scheduled for May 28th.
- Upper Elementary dance is set for May 24th. This is a formal dance.
- The school has gotten Cameras and buzzers on all doors. Monitored by Janice
- Teachers have been asked to e-mail weekly newsletters to parents to cut down on costs.
- Webmaster updates, which had previously been done on an “at your convience”basis by Jeannie will now be done quicker by Ellen.
- Request items for a silent auction
- A board strategic planning date will be scheduled for June.
- Several members of the Board along with Victoria will be going to Washington, D.C. to the National Charter School Conference.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:17 on a motion from Wilfred seconded by Queen.