

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Board
Carolina School for Inquiry
Richland County, South Carolina
March 30, 2010**

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 March 30th 2010 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.

Broad members, staff, and parents read the school mission statement.

Call to Order/Roll Call

The Chair Margaret West-Sumpter called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

The following members were present: Margaret West-Sumpter, Andrea Fripp, Kimberly Lweis, Lawrence Black, DeAnna Bookert

Non-Members present: Victoria Dixon-Mokeba, Bill Moser

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was accepted on a motion from L. Black and seconded by A. Fripp.

Public Comments:

Jacqueline Dukes-wanted to know why the board decided not to approve student teachers for the Fall?

Betty Cannon- wanted to know if sign out in front of school could display events and dates.

Chris Richards – wanted to publicly thank his student teacher for his hard work and congratulate him on his upcoming wedding

Nurse Hopkins – thank the board and lead teacher for the opportunity to attend recent conference where she learn and gain great information

Reports

Special Education discussed the “Intervention w/ prevention” the 4 w’s of Invention (Who, What, When, Why) focused on grades K-3 with small groups (2-6) targeted focus is on reading skills. This will be a team effort to get the program going to help current students receiving special education services and to help prevent other students would may have to receive in the future.

Budget Committee: Bill Moser made recommendation for first reading of the budget in 5/2010 and second for approval 6/2010.

Facility Committee (Andrea Fripp): lease has been reviewed, committee will handle updating the sign out in front of school may have to purchase pole to be able to change letters

Governance Committee (Lawrence Black): final revised handbook with one correction to add school name

Directors Report

- Ms. Spradley presented letters of appreciation from 6th grade to staff
- Lead teachers thanked staff who were able to attend and present at charter school conference. All staff members were invited via an e-mail that was sent on November 11, 2009.
- Columbia may host charter school conference for next year.
- Great attendance at job fair held on 3/15/2010
- Dr. Boutte and Dr. Johnson still meeting with staff to continue professional growth and development with in program.
- CSI Science Fair was a success and students were given awards
- New program One Green Apple is being used as a plot to store school data which will be available for staff and parents approved by former school board.
- Student report cards went out

- Lead teacher recognize Teacher Chris Richards for recent award
- CSI choir will sing at the Columbia Housing Authority Wall of Fame Ceremony on 4/16
- Lead teacher went over process for charter school annual report starting 4/21/10 with superintendent's cabinet @ 9:00 am.
- Lead Teacher reported that concerned parent missed two scheduled meetings and has left it up to the parent to establish a meeting time. The same parent also came to secure the child and inflicted corporal punishment on him all the way to their mode of transportation. Lead Teacher advised that a board member advised that she not contact parents to come and pick their children up from the school since these are working parents. Board Chair West Sumpter reiterated that the board was not there to manage the school but to govern.
- Lead Teacher advised on resent suspensions: kindergartener assaulting a teacher, 2nd & 3rd grader disturbing schools by fighting and 5th grader being confrontational with an adult and disturbing schools.
- Charter is monitor through district one & Lead Teacher has concerns with request being made with this years annual report. She has spoken with the attorney about these concerns.

Motion was made for Board to go into executive session at 8:27pm by K. Lewis and 2nd by K.Cannon Board came out of executive session at 9:05pm Motion by K. Cannon and second A. Fripp.

Motion to accept Guidance Counselor I. Willis made by K. Cannon and second by K. Lewis.

Motion was made to accept contract for Dr. Gable McCullough for Psychological services. A motion to adjourn the board meeting was made 9:06pm.