

**Neighborhood Charter School
Board of Directors Meeting
Auditorium
October 14, 2009**

Board Members Present: John Wright, Lamarra George, Keith , Beth wells, Elizabeth Carr, Mya Jenkins, Jill Kaechele, Tammi Mitchell, Lisa Roberson, Carol Keller, Melissa Devereaux, Rich Hatfield, Teri Roth, Sherri Scott, Brook McGhee, Cindy Ethridge

Time the Meeting was called to order: 6:44 p.m.

October Agenda Approved

Principal/Executive Director Report:

Annie Leslie Brooke Marty, Perry Michaels discuss the 5th Grade Trip to the Blue Ridge Mountains. They propose that the Fifth Grade trip be earned through participating in services within the community versus the trip being a financially-based earned trip. The philosophical piece of the trip is changed from a financial aspect to more of a service-lead earning opportunity.

Cindy Etheridge presents the Neighborhood Charter School Statements of Financial Position. She discusses the Audit Process. NCS is in good standing.

- Georgia Charter School Annual Report: Once the Financial Statement was prepared, the Annual Report can now be submitted.
- Professional Development: Focusing on improving performance on the CRCT and specifically mathematics.
- Universal Screeners: Screeners are being put in place to screen students really early on with basic screening devices in math, reading, writing and behavior. Interventions have been created to identify students having problems in specific areas.
And ASOL teacher is hopefully going to be hired to assist some students who speak English as a second language..

K-8 Merger Update

Doug Blackmon: APS is discouraging the merger between NCS and ACMS. NCS has to decide whether or not to simply start an entirely new school.

Nancy Tanksly, endorses the merger between NCS and ACMS.

Parent, Fully supports the merger between NCS and ACMS.

Lisa Adler supports the merger for education and financial stability.

Sally Rodell and her husband Kevin Moore, one of the founding members of the Atlanta Charter Middle School. They so strongly are in support of merging the NCS and ACMS schools. Historically that was the original intent

Don Grant: Very much in favor of a merger. What can parents do outside the board to move this process along as quickly as possible.

Parent: supports continuing the k through 8th merger.

Tabitha Cooper has two children at NCS is in support of the merger.

Angela Thrash wants her kids to go to ACMS. In support of the merger.

Suzanne Sigler has a second grader. Needs to make sure teachers on both sides are supported. We need to make sure nothing falters.

Wendy Tucker –Supportive of NCS and ACMS merger and says there needs to be a sense of urgency.

Attending Parent: Supports the mergers between NCS and ACMS.

Christina: We can seek out schools with combined campuses to find resolutions on merger issues and ask questions.

Motion to Rescind the existing Task Force; Task carries to dissolve the K through 8th task force formed at the March 11th Meeting.

Endorse the Concept of the Merger and form a joint task force to recommend to the Board.

John Wright: Motions: NCS Board votes unanimously to support pursuit of merger with ACMS Middle School and to participate in a task force to develop a plan. The Governing Board of NCS resolves to pursue a merger with ACMS to become a single charter school serving students in Kindergarten through 8th grade. It has been approved.

Motion by Doug Blakmon: Authorize the chair to form a joint task force in conjunction with the Chair of ACMS, to identify a consultant to advise on the merger of NCS and ACMS. Approved.

Finance Report: Report presented by Keith Ross. The Executive Committee approved roof repairs and an additional \$10,000 to go towards the lower field. Identified what is in the medical expense and how to address that. A meeting next week will take place where and expert in QuickBooks will assist in building a financial architecture.

Fund Development: Revenue came from the Low Country Boil. Grant was applied for in August from the Board anticipating to hear from them later.

PTCA: Lisa Roberson announces that \$7,300 was raised from the September yard sale. Bingo Night raised \$6,000. Picture day is Oct 27th and 28th.

Parent and Family Involvement: Sheri Scott discusses that Thompson Clements agreed to reinstate the courier service. A discussion has been had with Mr. Clements about putting a contract in place to compensate and acknowledge his role and work in the maintenance of the system that manages the volunteers' hours data. Oct 25th, is the Open House. PFI's will be in at the end of this month.

Personnel: Vote on next month...

New Business: Approved the contract for the lower field and leaking roof through that executive meeting, assured insurance and contracts. It was discussed that we are trying to get a response back from APS regarding the lower field, and whether reconstruction can begin and when.

Strategic Plan is moving along. There will be a first draft of a document at the November Board meeting for review.

Announcements: None.

John motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mya second. Meeting was adjourned at 9:53 p.m.