

Neighborhood Charter School
Governing Board Meeting
December 2, 2009

Board members present: Jill Kaechele, John Wright, Teri Roth, Diana Bubes, Sherri Scott, Carol Keller, Keith Rouse, Beth Wells, Brooke McGhee, Lisa Roberson, Maya Jenkins, Elizabeth Carr, Rich Hatfield

Absent: Tammie Mitchell, Doug Blackmon, Lamarra George

Also present: Kristian Vatalaro, Lara Zelski,

John called the meeting to order at 6:40, and motioned that the public be allowed to participate. Teri seconded. Motioned carried.

John Motioned that the November meeting minutes be approved. Teri seconded. Motion carried.

The September and October minutes are being edited for clarity.

John motioned the approval of the agenda, with the addition of staff comments during the merger report. Beth seconded. Motioned carried.

The floor was then opened for public comment. There was none.

PRINCIPAL/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jill presented. She is in the process of finding a company to test for mold and allergens in classrooms. Roof leaks are being addressed.

The facilities grant will address the environmental issues, along with acoustic treatment for the cafeteria.

Jill spoke about the committee work she is doing with the Georgia Charter Schools Association.

We have obtained a copy of the APS Benchmark tests, which will be administered to the upper grades next week (December 8, 10, and 11). She has also acquired a scanner to score the tests, and allow us to collect specific data to inform teaching.

Maya reiterated the urgency of a solution to the mold situation.

Diana spoke about the "Understanding Poverty" conference, and the visit to Charlotte Country Day School.

K-8 MERGER UPDATE

John presented. The Joint Merger Task Force met with three prospective consultants to hear and evaluate their proposals on December 2nd. The prices ranged from \$25K-\$35K. The winning company will present to both executive committees at 8:30 on Monday, December 7, at the Atlanta Charter Middle School.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Keith presented.

FUND DEVELOPMENT

John gave an update. The grandparents' giving tree letter has been delayed, pending addresses. The committee is awaiting board pledges. Auction plans are underway.

PTCA

Lisa presented. Jan 12, PTCA meeting will focus on school lunches.

PARENT & FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

Did not report

PERSONNEL

Did not report

NEW BUSINESS

(a) Action items – Strategic Plan update

We are moving along nicely. The final report has been sent to the chairs of the four committees, and will be forwarded to the board upon completion.

(b) Information Items – Lower Field update

Work has begun, and is proceeding as weather permits. The cistern arrives on Dec. 3.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

John motioned that the meeting adjourn. Teri seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Keller