

NEIGHBORHOOD CHARTER SCHOOL  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

January 24, 2007

Members Present:

Shyria Coleman, Steven Rothman, Michelle Leader, William Perry, Jackie Rosswurm, Lesa Hope, Cindy Cahalen, Kelly McNally, Regyna Curtis, Heidi Lance, Dena Christian-Robinson, Fatumata Soukouna, Anita Downing

Guests Present:

Jill Hanson, Sally Radell, Jim Ainsworth, Doug Blackmon

Lesla Hope called the meeting to order at 6:40pm

William and Steve made a motion to approve the minutes. All approved.

William and Heidi made a motion to approve the agenda. All approved.

Jill Hanson presented Media Center handbook for board approval. Shyria and Michelle made a motion to accept the handbook. All approved.

Doug Blackmon presented the idea of the creation of NCS Inc, a separate entity that would oversee both NCS and ACMS. The goal is to have an operating agreement between the two school boards in 90 days. Board members interested in exploring this further are Dena, Fatumata, Regyna, Anita, Shyria, Michelle, William, Lesa and Cindy, Doug has been invited to join that committee.

Unfinished Business:

Attendance Policy- 100<sup>th</sup> day of school

A discussion occurred of the tardiness policy, particularly that 3 tardies equals one absence. A revision of the action taken for tardies was requested. Jackie will bring back policy for review at February board meeting.

Ad Hoc Committee on Board Election Process

Steve Rothman reported on that committees' findings. Lesa suggested convening a group to address the issues and bring a recommendation to the board in February.

Steve moved to address the 7 issues identified as unanimous.

William and Michelle moved to amend the issues to add several other points. 12 approved, 1 opposed.

Vote on amended motion- all approved.

Principal/Executive Director Report:

Jackie gave her update. Reenrollment has begun with 90% of students returning.

Budget items- recommends a 4% increase in teachers' salaries to begin in February.

- request the leasing of 2 classroom mobile units for professional development and afterschool program.

February 8 is the anniversary of the fire, Silent Spirit awards will be given at morning meeting. Taping of the NCS documentary begins on February 9 to coincide with the Atlanta Board of Education visit.

The Festival of Colors will be held on March 21 and 23, showcasing the learning in music, Spanish and art. All students will perform.

Jackie updated the ACMS situation, explaining that she and Margaret Jones are splitting the principal's duties at the school. Sally Radell expressed her gratitude for our support during this time. William asked for communication of events.

Black History Month begins in February. The media center will deliver some educational material. The diversity committee will begin a study of Black History with "Six Degrees of Separation."

#### Personnel:

Work continues on the personnel manual

#### Finance:

Michelle presented the revision of policies and procedures. Changes were suggested (removing CFO from paragraph 9A, remove word "policy" from top of document). Anita and Steve move to accept the document. All approve.

Michelle identified new expenses to be added to the budget-

- a 4% increase in teachers' salaries for the remainder of the '06-07 year (Steve and William moved, all approved)

- \$5000 for roof repairs (Steve and William move, all approved)

- rental of mobile unit (William and Anita moved, all approved)

#### Parental & Family Involvement:

The Family Participation Review will be sent out with the report cards on March 2.

Satisfaction Survey was sent out on January 24, results will be presented at next board meeting.

#### PTCA:

Anita gave a brief report on the January PTCA meeting, during which committee chairs gave updates on their actions.

#### New Business:

Lesa asked for nominations for the Chair Elect position. Cindy volunteered. Steve and William moved to accept Cindy as chair elect. All approved.

#### Sibling Definition:

Jackie reported that Mike Nations recommends the following definitions of sibling:

- Brother or sister of a child living in the same household

- if children live in the same household with 2 adults, non-parent must have adopted the child or have legal guardianship

Some discussion about step-siblings and same-sex partners followed. Mike Nations is invited to attend an executive committee meeting with full board invited to discuss this issue.

Shyria and Fatumata moved to adjourn at 9:35pm. All approved