

Neighborhood Charter School
Board of Directors
Meeting minutes January 9, 2008

Board Members present: current board members: Cheryll Booth, Cindy Cahalen, Anita Downing, Dena Robinson Christian, Shyria Coleman Johnson, Kelly McNally, Keith Rouse, Terry Roth, Steve Rothman, Margaret Jones, Curtis McHardy, William Teasley, Tammie Mitchell, and Teresa Lee

Guests: Carol Keller, Michelle Blackmon, Gigi Conner, Christine Mann Lisa Roberson

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 by Cindy Cahalen.

Kelly moved to approve meeting minutes. Erika seconded. All voted to approve the minutes

Steve made a motion to amend the agenda to include the discussion of Jackie Rosswurm's contract under Personnel. Kelly seconded the motion. All approved.

Steve made a motion to approve the agenda. Terry seconded motion. All voted to approve the meeting agenda.

Public comment was called for – no one presented.

No New Business:

Special reports:

Curtis McHardy reported on the Retention Task Force. He has had very informal discussions with several NCS families regarding the Neighborhood Charter School. He has received mixed responses.

Kelly reported on the Registration Task Force. They will be canvassing on Sat. Jan. 11th and on Sat. Jan. 26th. They will be targeting the 2nd registration zone.

Cindy Cahalen reported on the formation of Charter Inc. Charter Inc. will serve as a middle tier supporting function for both NCS and ACMS (Atlanta Charter Middle School). It will create more of a partnership between the schools to leverage resources and focus beyond the most current academic year. Steve made a motion to move forward with the Charter Inc. proposal.

William seconded the motion. All approved. The Boards from both schools will meet on Feb. 7th at 6:30 at the ACMS media center to form a formal committee to get Charter Inc. started. The goal is to have it established by Dec. 2008.

Unfinished business:

Cindy reviewed the Board Selection Process. Nomination forms will be out by Feb. 15th and all applications need to be in by March 15th. Elections will be May 8th. Open positions are: 1 K-2 Parent Rep, 1 3-5 Parent Rep, 1 general Parent Rep. 2 staff members will be replaced as well as the new Personnel Chair.

Interim Principal/Executive Director's Report

Margaret Jones presented report.

David York will conduct 8 family focus groups beginning next week. He will compile the data and report to the Board at the end of January. The Georgia Charter School Association Conference will be held on Jan. 25th and 26th. The GEMA safety plan renewal in Jan. 28th.

Margaret and Kathy have been working on this to ensure that our plan meets all safety requirements. We are participating in a study with Air Quality Sciences. They are testing “green” carpet cleaning procedures and their affect on air quality. We are being paid a participants fee. Margaret reported on her trip with ACMS to Boston to visit other charter schools. 8 students left in Dec. Only one of these students transferred to another APS school. All others moved out of district / state. Endia Jones, a second grade Associate Teacher, had a baby girl in December. Teresa Lee, a kindergarten teacher, fell in her classroom and suffered a concussion. In the Feb. board meeting, Margaret will present the staff’s analysis of CRCT data.

Personnel Committee

There will be 7 family sessions with David York. An 8th one will be available if needed. An email survey will also be sent out after the meetings. He will present to the Board at the end of January. Postings for the Principal position will be made at the end of January. The Principal Search Committee will consist of 11 members.

Jackie Rosswurm’s consultant contract is up at the end of June 2008. There is a clause in the contract to evaluate the money being paid at the end of January. There is also a clause that states either party can terminate the contract with a 30-day notice. Anita made a motion to reduce Jackie’s pay to \$250. Terri seconded the motion. 10 approved. 2 abstained. Steve made a motion to terminate the contract. William seconded. All approved. Keith made a motion to set parameters for Jackie’s involvement in the Principal search to be limited to strategizing and reviewing resumes. William seconded. All approved.

Finance Committee

Keith Rouse presented an updated budget.

Parent and Family Involvement

Dena updated the board on the family review process. Only one family is still on probation.

PTCA

Anita Downing presented report. 130 families registered through Kroger. We have received \$350 from Box Tops for Education, \$186 from Staples for recycling printer cartridges. NCS raised over \$2100 from the Holiday Sampler.

Annual Campaign

Shyria Coleman Johnson presented an update.

New Business

A Chair-elect selection was held. Anita nominated Tammie Mitchell to serve as next year’s Board Chair. She accepted the nomination. William made a motion that Tammie serve as Board Chair for next year. Terry seconded. All approved.

Announcements were read.

Kelly motioned to adjourn meeting. Teresa seconded motion. All voted approval. Cindy Cahalen adjourned the meeting at 9:20.