

**Neighborhood Charter School
Board of Directors Meeting
Media Center
March 11, 2009**

**Board members in attendance: Tammie Mitchell, Jill Kaechele, Amy Drooker
Melissa Devereaux, Kieth Rouse, Lisa Roberson, Sherri Scott, Cindy Cahalen, Beth
Wells, Maya Jenkins, Teresa Lee, Kole Camp, Teri Roth, Carol Keller, John
Wright, William Teasley, Curtis McHardy**

**Also in attendance: Elizabeth Swern, Veleta Greer, Lesley Michaels, Susan Taylor,
Sally Radell, Leslie & Don Grant, Christian Vatalaro, Christine Mann, Lynn
Brandli, Lucy Fry, Jennifer Lippincott, Paula Jessup, Cat Jaffin, Lynn Martineau,
Elizabeth Carr, Lara Zelski, Laura Finch, Cheryll Booth, Michelle Blackmon, Gigi
Connor, Susan Balog, Tammie Childs**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35

**Kole motioned to let the audience participate in discussion. Amy seconded.
Motioned approved.**

Board introductions. Board Agreements presented.

Sherri motioned to approve the minutes. Maya Seconded. Motion carried

Terri motioned to approve the minutes. Maya Seconded. Motion carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Board retreat to work on the strategic plan will be at the end of March, plan will be complete by end of the school year.

ACMS merger with NCS

Tammie spoke about the process, and what's been done the board thus far. The executive committee met with Allen Mueller. They spoke about different scenarios, exploring the possibility of becoming K/8. Allen was optimistic about the feeder school plan. Allen will meet with the staff at APS, Sharon Pitts, DOE, Andrew Broy, to start the conversations to find the best path.

ACMS still needs to go through the bulk of the renewal process, and will not be presenting to the APS board May 2, but the renewal would be due in September. Another option would be to grow NCS organically into a K/8, ACMS closing, and NCS absorbing ACMS.

In a week or two, we will know a lot more from APS.

DISCUSSION...

The make up of the task force would be 5 – 7 people, established by Tammie and John.

Tammie motioned adopt a resolution expressing to board's support for the concept of expanding the education program at Neighborhood Charter School to include grades 6, 7 and 8; Keith seconded. All approved. Motion carried.

Tammie moved to authorize the governing board chair and chair-elect to form a task force of NCS board members, parents and staff to develop proposals and made recommendations within 60 days for the expansion, including the possibility of merging Neighborhood Charter School Inc. Atlanta Charter Middle School Inc; Terri seconded. All approved; motion carried.

Tammie moved to authorize the task force to select a consultant or consultants to help develop proposals for the expansion, and to authorize the board chair to contract with a consultant or consultants to the task force for a total amount not to exceed \$3,500. Curtis seconded. All approved; motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Chris Wilcox spoke about the NCS golf tournament.

Building & Grounds: Amy has two bids for the repair of the lower field. She will bring the bids to the April meeting for approval.

Sustainability: Lynn Brandli presented information about www.greenschools.net. They offer seven steps to becoming a green school. Sustainability has the blue print for this program. She will present more information at the next meeting and ask for a resolution to become a green school.

Registration: zone 1, is finished, zone 2, is tomorrow night.

Student Learning: William asked that the board approve the updated mission of the Student Learning Committee, and amend the By-Laws.

Amy motioned to adopt, Lisa seconded. Motioned carried. Kole and Teresa abstained.

Finance: Keith presented the financials for the month and projections for the end of the year. Budget request meeting will be on March 23.

April 3, after morning meeting, the finance committee will meet before the next board meeting.

Keith will present the budget at the April board meeting. The budget will be approved at the May meeting.

PTCA: Lisa Roberson presented the report.

Fund Development: Melissa presented the report. The annual report is nearing completion.

Parent & Family Involvement: Sherri Scott presented the report.

Personnel: Beth Wells presented the report. The committee will have answers to the questions about maternity leave at the next meeting.

Principal/Executive Director's Report

Jill also reported that John McKutcheon will be performing for the students on March 20. 2 lead, 1 associate teachers not returning.

Jill asked for approval of the job description for the Curriculum Specialist.

Lisa motioned. Teresa seconded. Motion carried.

Jill motioned the board to approve the contracting of Eric Cork, not to exceed \$5500.

John seconded. Motion carried.

Jill has been pursuing information about students/families that do not live in our attendance zone. She has had conversations with NCS attorney regarding any action.

NEW BUSINESS

Keith reported that the committee to amend the bylaws will meet on March 25. They will submit the changes for approval at the April board meeting.

William motioned to adjourn. Amy seconded. The meeting adjourned at 9:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Keller