

Neighborhood Charter School  
Board of Directors  
Meeting minutes for August 15, 2007

Board Members present: current board members: Cheryl Booth, Cindy Cahalen, Anita Downing, Amy Jeffries, Dena Robinson Christian, Shyria Coleman Johnson, Curtis McHardy, Kelly McNally, Cole Camp, Theresa Lee, Erika Feldstein, Keith Rausse, Fatumata Soukouna, Terry Roth, Steve Rothman, Lesa Hope, Kathy Andrews, Jackie Rosswurm

Past board members present: Heidi Lance, William Perry, Guy Seymour

Guests: Lisa Roberson, Amy Handler, Christine Mann, Alice Johnson, Leslie Taylor

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 by Lesa Hope. Cindy Cahalen was nominated and elected to be chair of the governing board for the 07-08 school year. Cindy Cahalen assumed responsibilities as chair and presided over the meeting.

Anita moved to approve meeting minutes. Kelly McNally seconded. All voted to approve the minutes

Anita moved to approve the agenda. Steve Rothman seconded motion. All voted to approve the meeting agenda.

Public comment was called for – no one presented.

Special reports:

Amy Handler presented a Physical Education Pilot Program, that is focused on integrating movement and arts in the NCS program. The program is being piloted for 6 weeks, for grades K-2. After 6 weeks, Amy will present information on the implementation of the program. The Board will review and consider whether to fund the program for the remainder of the year.

Amy Jeffries reported that plans are in place for NCS participation in the Summer Shade Festival.

Board Orientation:

Cindy Cahalen conducted orientation for board members.

Unfinished business:

None presented.

Principal/Executive Director's Report

Dr. Jackie Rosswurm presented report.

Action items: Amy Jeffries moved to support changing titles of staff to from "Lead Teacher and Instructional Aide" to "Lead Teacher and Associate Teacher and "Teaching Partners." Curtis McHardy seconded. All voted approval/support of change.

Action items: Steve Rothman moved to support establishment of a task force to look at diversity, recruitment and changing school demographics. Anita Downing Seconded. The task force will be convened and report to the board at the September board meeting. Those present (including guests and former board members) who expressed an interest in being on the task force include: Anita Downing, Alice Johnson, Cindy Cahalen, Steve Rothman, Keith Rausse, Curtis McHardy, Dena Robinson Christian, Terry Roth, Cole Camp, Guy Seymour, Kelly McNally, Shyria Coleman Johnson. This group will also include the staff “Family Issues” committee, and may include other NCS interested stakeholders.

#### Personnel Committee

Jackie Rosswurm presented report. Acknowledged the wonderful staff hired for this year for NCS.

#### Finance Committee

Keith Rausse presented budget. Steve Rothman moved to adopt budget. Anita Downing seconded motion. All voted in favor of approving budget.

#### PTCA

Anita Downing presented report. She introduced co-chair – Lisa Roberson. Board reviewed a “Community Participation Initiative.” Amy Jeffries moved to support this PTCA initiative. Dena Robinson Christian seconded. All voted approval for support of the initiative.

#### Parent and Family Involvement

Family and Parent reviews were completed at the end of the last school year. Information about the specific expectations of the family contract and the review process are in the Family Handbook.

#### Diversity Committee:

Shyria Coleman Johnson presented the board with Diversity Plan for this year.

#### Annual Campaign

Shyria Coleman Johnson presented the Annual Campaign. Board suggested a goal of \$125,000 for this year. Steve Rothman motioned to approve target goal of \$125,000. Anita Downing seconded. All voted approval. Shyria Coleman Johnson moved to ask Board to lead the campaign by attempting to raise 10% of the total. Amy Jeffries seconded motion. All voted approval. The Annual Campaign committee and Board members will participate in creating a well defined process for campaign.

No new business was presented.

Announcements were read.

Kelly McNally motioned to adjourn meeting. Terry Roth seconded motion. All voted approval. Cindy Cahalen adjourned the meeting at 9:30.