

**Neighborhood Charter School
Governing Board Meeting
Feb 10, 2010**

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

Board Members not present: Tammy Mitchell

Also present: Kris Vatalaro, Lynn Brandli, Annette Wawerna, Rhiannen Laurent, Noel Christy, Chrystal Francois, Lara Zelski, William Teasley, Louis Erste, & Michelle Mathews

John Wright called the meeting to order at 6:36.

John motioned, Teri Roth seconded the approval of the agenda. Motion carried.

John motioned, Teri Roth seconded the approval of the January minutes. Motion carried.

A Strategic Plan Update was provided by Michelle Mathews from Matthews Consulting Group and former NCS Board Member, William Teasley. The final plan has been submitted and is presented to the board at this meeting. A high level executive summary has also been presented outlining a new mission statement and the top 5 priorities as well as the final draft. Lisa Roberson made a motion that we adopt the Strategic Plan in its current version. Doug Blackmon seconded. The board voted unanimously to approve the Strategic Plan in its current version. The Board formally thanked William Teasley and Michelle Mathews for leading this process and all the parents and staff of the school for their participation in this process.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Annette Wawerna presented information about the Acorn to Oak movie premiere. The premier is scheduled for February 26, 2010.

PRINCIPAL/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:

Jill Kaechele, with the assistance of several teachers presented a special report titled **“The Perfect Storm”** to discuss new academic programs, and progress the school has made toward improving CRCT results which directly affect AYP. The teachers gave an in-depth analysis of how the components of the CRCT are being analyzed to help with instruction. Jill also presented the Board with an outline of the assessment notebooks which describes the steps that have been taken in the last 6-8 months to improve student performance; looking at assessment through every lens possible, and analyzing of all the areas for each child with new data to inform instruction.

1. Professional development has been added.
2. Extensive Supplements to Curriculum have been added.
3. Special Focus programs have been added for parents and students and a Saturday School.
4. Focus has been placed on revamping the SST process and Academic Assistance Programs.

5. 5th grade teachers have revamped curriculum based on analysis that has been done,
6. All families have been given information how to go online to the Georgia Online Assessment Center so they can help the children as well.

Jill ended her report by discussing the **Family Residency Affidavit**. Jill, after discussion from various board members, agreed that no employee of the school or parent volunteer of the school should be involved in this investigation process.

MERGER UPDATE

Louis Erste (Merger Consultant) presented information about the merger process, and the decision issues list proposed to the board and dates of meetings scheduled for discussion. The committee is moving towards the final presentation date to APS of March 19th 2010.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Keith presented.

FUND DEVELOPMENT

John presented the report, and the annual report is complete and should be out in the next 2 weeks. A direct mail piece has not gone out and John will follow-up on this initiative.

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Lisa Roberson presented. See report.

PARENT & FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

Sherri Scott presented.

PERSONNEL

There was no personnel report.

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS:

Reminder to review the merger decision documents.

John motioned to adjourn at 10:15pm, Sherri Scott seconded. Motion carried.