

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
HELD NOVEMBER 4, 2010**

Board members present:

- Lee Adler
- Anderson Baker
- Ben Blanchard
- Kathy Broussard
- Avery Corenswet
- Nia Davis
- Avione Brown Pichon
- Sassy Wheeler

Board members absent:

- Jack Carey

Others Present:

- St. Claire Adriaan
- Brittany Baize
- Niloy Gangopadhyay
- Alex Laperouse
- Kathryn McGee
- Kendall Wolfson

#	Agenda Item	Notes
1	<b>Review Agenda and Minutes</b>	<b>6:40</b>  <b>No changes to October Minutes</b>  <b>Motion</b> by Avery to accept agenda <b>Nia seconded</b>  <b>So Moved</b>
2	<b>2009-2010 Financial Audit Report</b>	<b>Presentation</b> Financial Audit Rebowe & Company CPA  - Everyone read draft report by next week - Clean audit, no conflicts

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No findings under federal program’s compliance audit</li> <li>- Minutes should reflect that Mr. Wheat was very complimentary of how the school has managed its finances compared to other charter schools.</li> </ul>
3	<b>Finance Committee Report/Update</b>	<p>No issues/significant difficulties with audit</p> <p><b>Finance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire needs to be signed</li> <li>▪ Updated 5-year projections presented to Board</li> <li>▪ Property insurance is a definite \$200-\$500 per student = big new expense</li> <li>▪ Board will read policy and procedure manual by December meeting</li> <li>▪ December Board meeting will concentrate on finance</li> <li>▪ December will be Brittany’s last Board meeting, Kendall taking over</li> <li>▪ St. Claire suggests we look into cutting needs versus wants</li> <li>▪ Finance Committee working on additional changes to Financial Policies and Procedures Manual</li> </ul>
4	<b>Board Chair Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fall Quality Review NSNO</li> <li>▪ School leaders have met to create evaluation system of teachers to be rolled out in December</li> <li>▪ School discipline system has been revised too</li> <li>▪ Special Ed. Services have been increased</li> <li>▪ NSNO is pleased with results and progress from spring until now with 180° regard to school leaders and growth from Fall 2009 to Fall 2010</li> <li>▪ Board will receive NSNO’s recommendations with timeline by December</li> </ul>
5	<b>School Leaders Report</b>	<p>K-2<sup>nd</sup></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Niloy:</b> Increase class size ratio is inevitable – every transformation school will face this</li> <li>▪ Second round of interim reports coming up</li> <li>▪ Lease review by Lee and Anderson; we’re responsible for fixing plumbing, etc.</li> <li>▪ Providing more planning period time for K-2 teachers</li> <li>▪ Using Jesuit and Avodeh volunteers</li> <li>▪ Idea: getting staff and Board member substitute teach – need licenses</li> <li>▪ Morale good</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Healthy RTI</li> </ul> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grades:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Obtained ELA interventionist trained in guided reading, reading mastery, test prep., student teaching <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Test group 36 students used to measure growth in ELA</li> <li>▪ No growth yet, but 40% new students</li> <li>▪ Projected growth now 60%</li> <li>▪ By benchmarks January 3 and March 4 will see difference</li> <li>▪ Each Friday is now all day interventions</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Sally Ann Roberts was here! Be on TV at 8:00 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup></li> </ul> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade  89% of parents showed up for report cards  Report cards next week</p>
6	<b>Potential Board Member – Sean Singleton</b>	Sean Singleton proposed member to the Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Lee nominates Mr. Singleton</li> <li>▪ Avery seconded</li> <li>▪ <b>Vote Unanimous</b> to accept Mr. Singleton as a Board member</li> <li>▪ New quorum is 6 Board members</li> </ul>
7	<b>Committee Reports</b>	<p><b>A. Academic Excellence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ December finances</li> <li>▪ January education</li> <li>▪ Reach out to Board Buddies</li> <li>▪ Terra Nova Scores</li> </ul> <p><b>B. Community Outreach</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ No report</li> <li>▪ Leah Chase communication regarding possible healthy lunch program</li> </ul> <p><b>C. Development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Board should do a run to support Strides for Success</li> </ul> <p><b>D. Facilities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ No report except WD?</li> </ul> <p><b>E. Governance</b></p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ No report</li> <li>▪ Evaluation procedures for school, i.e., plus Board members</li> </ul> <p><b>F. Organizational Planning &amp; Effectiveness</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Question – No report</li> <li>▪ What is goal of the Committee? Board evaluation? Leader evaluation?</li> </ul> <p><b>G. Wellness</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Pending wellness policy and state requirements</li> </ul>
<b>8</b>	<b>LAPCS Special Education Presentation</b>	<p><b>Talk</b> – Avione Brown Pichon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Red flags</li> <li>▪ Common sense for Board members</li> <li>▪ See Addendum</li> </ul>
<b>9</b>	<b>Open Discussion</b>	Nia – Halloween Fest attended
<b>10</b>	<b>Action Items Review</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Finance will send policy and procedure manual</li> <li>▪ School leaders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Evaluation matrix</li> <li>▪ Dates and times</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<b>Motion to adjourn</b>	Sassy
	<b>Second</b>	Kathy

## **ADDENDUM**

- **LAPCS PRESENTATION: Special Education Red Flag Issues Affecting Louisiana's Charter Schools**
- **LAPCS PRESENTATION: Special Education and Common Sense for Board Members**