

**Success Preparatory Academy
Board Meeting
March 10, 2011**

Board Meeting in Attendance

Lee Adler, Anderson Baker, Kathy Broussard, Nia Davis, Avione Brown Pichon, Jack Carey, Sean Singleton, Sassy Wheeler, Ben Blanchard, Avery Corenswet

Unable to Attend

St. Claire Adriaan

Also in Attendance

Niloy Gangopadhyay, Kendall Wolfson

Call to Order

6:40 p.m. Meeting called to order by Sassy Wheeler

3. Board Training: Facilities Committee

Begin with Facility Presentation instead of usual review of agenda

Robert Edgecombs – Demographer, GCR & Associates (Urban Planning)

- Citywide population trends
 - School age children population has declined. Numbers have dropped in all parishes but more acutely in New Orleans, Louisiana
 - School age children households were at 27% in 2000, there has been a decrease to 21% in 2010
 - 39,877 students in public schools currently
 - Increase of 2,000 per year growth in public schools
 - Non-public school growth is stagnant
 - Before Katrina, between 2000-2004, there was a 15% drop in enrollment in public schools

See Addendum No. 1

- There are fewer school age children in both relative and absolute numbers
- Schools are less neighborhood based and more open enrollment based. Before Katrina 35% of children lived within ½ mile of school. After Katrina, number dropped to 10%.
- Before Katrina the average distance children lived from school was .8 of a mile. After Katrina, they live on average 3.2 miles from school.

- Most of new students are coming from NOE
- In 2004 Wicker had 514 students. 73% living with a ½ mile. Compared to 2010, only 9% of 330 students were living with a ½ mile.

QUESTION: WHERE CAN WE ANTICIPATE FUTURE STUDENTS?

ANSWER: THERE REALLY IS NO ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION. STUDENTS TRAVEL A LOT.

As far as enrollment forecasts, growth is tied to population growth and public schools “marked capture” of school age population. The projection is approximately 1,000 more students each year or 7,500 over 10 years (moderate estimate).

There are some proposed developments nearby. The Dorgenois Lofts, 222 Tulane Avenue, 2001 Canal Street will be mixed income housing.

The Iberville and Lafitte developments are not in the official Tulane/Gravier neighborhood.

Robert will break out numbers for Lafitte neighborhood and send after meeting.

Variables to School Populations include:

- LSU/VA complex
- The effect of hospital complex on surrounding real estate
- Success of Bio District initialization
- Completion of multi-family projects
- The effectiveness of citywide blight strategy
- Household composition

www.gcrdata.com/census2010 is a resource to analyze numbers

Board needs table showing where school age children go to school (all school age children living within ½ mile).

1. Review Agenda

Motion by Avery Corenswet to have Facilities Committee Report first.

Seconded by Jack Carey. Unanimously approved.

Motion to approve amended agenda.

2. Review Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion by Ben Blanchard to approve February meeting minutes.

Seconded by Lee Adler. Unanimously approved.

4. School Leaders Report

See Addendum Nos. 2 and 3

Student recruitment retention rate for K-4th grade is expected to be at 93% but number is currently at 65%. Deadline for forms has not passed yet. (April 8).

There has been a significant improvement in Math in 3rd and 4th grade. Still struggling with English Language Arts in 3rd grade.

Use Urban League School Fairs to recruit students/parents.

Examples: Posters
Brochures
Diverse Team
Demonstrating outcomes

There is a monopoly on school options in the Lafitte development.

We need to penetrate the Iberville development. On April 2nd there will be a BBQ at the Iberville development.

Our target enrollment is 416 students for 2011-12.

On March 25th college classroom dedication ceremony will take place.

5. Committee Reports

A. Academic Excellence

B. Community Outreach

C. Development

See Report Addendum No. 4

Classroom Sponsorships

D. Finance

See Addendum No. 5

Cuts to reimbursement requests?

Met with RSD regarding Food Service Management discrepancies. Settlement was reached with RSD to split 50/50 August, September and October of 2009-10 school year.

IT discrepancies were settled. We now know what we're being charged for.

Aselabi will meet next Tuesday regarding Medicaid reimbursements of 7.5%.

The 2011-2012 budget is in the process of being completed.

One SPED para-professional hired and Family Coordinator became a full-time position.

E. Governance

F. Organizational Planning & Effectiveness

G. Wellness

6. Open Discussion

Do not list any student names in school under report. This presents privacy issues.

Family Literacy Update

We currently have 15 families participating. A storyteller comes to read books. Must read 6 books. The stories are read together and after questions are asked to students. Funding for program is through Primetime reading.

Success Fest

There will be a Success Fest weekend on Saturday, May 21.

Dashboard needs to be added to school leader report regarding student recruitment, updates on who is returning, etc

Idea: Can we get our families to help recruit students? Maybe paid referrals.

Idea: We are looking for a feeder school.

Idea: Department of Social Services may help.

Idea: Pre-K day at Kindergarten may help with recruitment.

7. Action Items Review

Adjournment

Lee Adler moved to adjourn. Seconded by Jack Carey.

Next meeting held on Thursday April 7, 2011.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.