

**Success Preparatory Academy
Board Meeting
Thursday, November 3, 2011
2011 Bienville Street**

Board Members in Attendance

Sassy Wheeler, Anderson Baker, Kathy Broussard, Lee Adler, Ben Blanchard, Jack Carey, Avery Corenswet, Sean Singleton

Board Members Unable to Attend

Nia Davis, Avione Pichon

Also in Attendance

Niloy Gangopadhyay, Tom McPherson, Daniel O’Connell, Heidi Jones, Helena Grove, Hedaayah Abdol, Ryan Bates, Kendall Wolfson, Jenny Peterson

Also Absent

St. Claire Adriaan

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Meeting called to order at 6:34 p.m.
Adler appointed as acting Secretary for the meeting.

Agenda Addition: Carr, Riggs & Ingram (CRI) to present audit.
Motion: Baker; 2nd: Broussard. Unanimously approved.

Audit Presentation by CRI, Don Wheat and Will Kulick. It is an unqualified, clean opinion (highest available). Balance sheet at 6/30/11 is healthy in terms of having had positive net income and a cash position of at least 3 months of expenses. This is important as MFP (Minimum Foundation Plan-funding per student received from the State) keeps decreasing.

Approval of October Meeting Minutes
Motion: Broussard; 2nd: Carey. Unanimously approved.

School Leaders Reports (including Special Ed)

See reports provided.

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Gangopadhyay discussed the efforts to stay on top of school attendance and tardy arrivals. Attendance is around 95% but we are trying for 98%. The school administration is going to meet with around 75 families.

Around 9% of our students are in Special Ed. The tracking is much better this year and that leads to quicker interventions.

Academic Excellence

McPherson discussed the assessment reporting and benchmark testing. He reviewed the 1st benchmarks testing for K-2 and how they can focus on the children who scored lower percentages (smaller student-to-teacher ratio). 1st grade and 2nd grade RLA have lower scores than Math. He then reviewed the step levels testing. The children who are new primarily are the ones who have not tested well. The smaller groups will help.

Discussion turned to retention of students and marketing efforts in the spring.

Development

See monthly report.

In addition, since the report was prepared an additional \$3,200 was donated so we are at 25% of our fundraising goal for the year.

Discussion turned to volunteer corps recruitment.

Carey also encouraged Board members to visit the school.

Facilities

No report

Finance

See monthly report.

In reviewing the expenses, it was noted that it is hard to predict what Special Ed expenses will be needed.

Broussard encouraged the Board to do random checks of the finances/bank statements.

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Governance

No report

Next meeting will be Monday, December 12.

Baker will bring an outline regarding Facilities to discuss at that meeting.

Action Items

- Academic Excellence to include in its monthly reporting the applicable targets for year end.
- Academic Excellence to prepare list of Special Ed acronyms.
- Carey and Wolfson to get holiday cards.
- Carey to prepare a more detailed volunteer plan.

Meeting adjourned: 8:08 p.m.

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