

Success Preparatory Academy

January 7, 2010

Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:33 pm

Attending Board Members: Ben Blanchard, Sassy C. Wheeler, Avery Corenswet, Lee Adler, Kathryn Broussard, John "Jack" Carey and Nia K. Davis (late arrival)

Absent Board Members:

Other Attendants: St Claire Adriaan, Niloy Gangopadhyay, Brittany Baize (departed early) and Avione Brown.

** Ana Menezes officially resigned from the board citing increased work duties.

Board will approve the finance manual at the February 2010 board meeting.

Approve Agenda

Moved: Ben Blanchard
Seconded: Kathryn Broussard
Unanimously approved

Approve Minutes from December 2009 Meeting

Moved: Ben Blanchard
Seconded: John "Jack" Carey
Unanimously approved

Finance/ Budget Update

Projections were revised to reflect a reduction in costs. Bill from RSD arrived today and it was lower than anticipated (\$30,000 when \$35,000 was expected).

Spanish teacher salary officially removed from budget. This will be reconsidered for the 2010-2011 school year. Parents were notified and no complaints were received.

There may be an overestimation in the area of special education.

Insurance Policy Review

An insurance agent, Anderson Baker, reviewed the policy coverage. Kathryn Broussard will synthesize his remarks and provide to the board at a later date.

Fundraising Information from December Seminar

It was recommended that a staff person be assigned to over see input regarding fundraising.

The key to fundraising is cultivating a relationship with donors and having gatherings that are not necessarily targeted at raising money.

Race To the Top

Niloy Gangopadhyay presented the board with information regarding the Race To the Top funding opportunity. The board discussed the parameters of the agreement, including the extent to which the faculty would be included in the discussions and negotiations. After the discussion, it was moved by Dr. Wheeler and seconded by Mr. Blanchard that the Board adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that Success Preparatory Academy ("SPA") enter into the preliminary Louisiana Department of Education Local Education Agency Race to The Top partnership agreement. This agreement allows SPA to be included the State's application for the program. The Board of SPA will review the final agreement and scope of work and make a determination to solidify the agreement.

Vote:

In favor: Blanchard, Broussard, Corenswet, Davis, Wheeler

Opposed: Adler

Approved by majority

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Committee Reports:

Sunshine—Nothing to Report

School Leader's Report—Submitted via email prior to meeting. Board invited to attend ceremony honoring students for achieving behavior goals on January 15, 2010 1:30p-3:00p.

Open Discussion

-Discussion regarding the role Ana Menezes will play on the board. Her departure left a vacancy on the Academic Excellence committee.

-Board also discussed how to fill board vacancies.

-Two supporters are running marathons and raising money for Success Prep. One person

-School Leaders agreed on a vendor to create the Success Prep Website. Details are forthcoming.

To adjourn the meeting

Moved: John "Jack" Carey

Seconded: Kathryn Broussard

Unanimously approved.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 pm

Next Meeting February 4, 2010