

Success Preparatory Academy

March 4, 2010

Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:40 pm

Attending Board Members: Ben Blanchard, Sassy C. Wheeler, Avery Corenswet, Lee Adler, Kathryn Broussard, Nia K. Davis, John “Jack” Carey, Aviane Brown and Anderson Baker.

Others attending: Brittany Baize, St, Claire Adriaan and Niloy Gangopadhyay

Amend Agenda to move School Leaders Report to first item.

Moved: Lee Adler

Seconded: Ben Blanchard

Unanimously approved

BESE voting this year on whether OPSB regains control of the schools that are under the jurisdiction of RSD.

90 students (2 kindergartens and 2nd grade) need to be recruited next year

Approve Minutes from February 2010 Meeting

Moved: Anderson Brown

Seconded: Nia K. Davis

Unanimously approved

Recognition

Niloy Gangopadhyay recognized Board Member John “Jack” Carey and SPA supporter Vincent Rothsmeyer on running in the Marathon and raising approximately \$3,500 for SPA. Vincent has been invited to join the fundraising committee for SPA.

Academic Excellence

Sassy C. Wheeler shared the results from the 2nd report of the Strategic Teaching and Evaluation of Progress (STEP) test. The first set of scores for this test was not validated and not usable. Discussion was held around student that scored below grade level and those who have progressed. St Claire Adriaan shared plan for testing next month.

Financial/ Budget Update

Brittany is working to build a new financial model for next year. PSP money was received.

Fundraising Update.

Blanchard distributed the fundraising report. The goal of \$ 75,000 is on track to be met. The committee is meeting Saturday March 6, 2010 at 2pm at the Bulldog on Magazine Street.

Insurance Policy Review

Moved to April's Board Meeting

Race to the Top Update

Niloy Gangopadhyay gave an update on Race To the Top application. Louisiana is expected to be in the first or second round of awardees.

SPA has asked to participate in a Vanderbilt Assessment of Leadership in Education VALEd. Board voted to participate in this program.

Moved: Anderson Brown

Seconded: Kathryn Broussard

Unanimously approved

Committee Membership

Board members are encouraged to identify people to who are good candidates to serve on SPA committees. Chairs of committees with names of potential committee members.

Open Discussion

Success Prep Fest 2 June 5, 2010

Website on track to be launched soon.

St Claire Adriaan shared appreciation for checks coming into the school and for Lee Adler's firm accepting case for work visa and green card issue for one of SPA's teachers.

Two teachers aren't expected to return next year and expecting to have 7 positions open for next year. A more formal report is forthcoming

Meeting Adjourned: 8:18 pm

Next Board Meeting April 8, 2010 6:30 pm (Board agreed to move meeting to April 8th due to the Easter holiday weekend on April 1st)