RLOACS Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes February 17, 2015 1398 Church Rd, Hardeeville, SC

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| Present:   Absent: | Dr. Rob McBrayer, Chair; Brandi Freeman, Secretary; Penny Daley; Sergio Nuno; Vicky Roberts; Pershawn Patterson (via phone); Dr. Karen Wicks, Executive Director; Les Wicks; Dr. LaQuandra Stevenson, Assistant Principal K-5; Mr. Brian Morse, Assistant Principal Middle-High; District Representative Courtney Mills (via phone)  Amleht Alston, Eunice Spillards, Vice-Chair |
| Venue  Royal Live Oaks Academy Cafeteria  Next Parent Meeting: March 26, 2015 |  |
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A quorum was present.

* **Old business:** 
  + **Open Meeting** - Chair

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm. A motion was made by Penny Daley to start the meeting and seconded by Brandi Freeman. The motion carried.

* + **Approval of Minutes of January 20, 2015 Board Meeting** – Secretary – A motion was made by Brandi Freeman and seconded by Pershawn Patterson to accept the minutes, and the minutes were unanimously accepted.
* **New business:** 
  + **RLOA Mission Statement** - The Chair read the complete mission statement.
  + **Finance Report for January 2015**- Bill Moser presented and discussed at length changes in the January Budget Report. A motion to approve the January budget was made by Brandi Freeman and seconded by Penny Daley, and the budget was unanimously approved.
  + **Update on Building, Finance, and Architectural Work** – Presented by Les Wicks

Les Wicks provided updates on the New Campus as follows: We are currently waiting on the USDA to approve our application for construction financing. The Feasibilty Study is complete. The estimated date of occupation of new campus facility is August 2016.

* + **School Updates:- Presented by Dr. Karen Wicks Executive Director**
* **Enrollment: 539 at 2-13-15**
* **New Campus:** The school’s application to the USDA for mortgage funding of the new campus facility has been submitted. We await their review and are finalizing the architectural plan.
* **New Performance Framework: Monthly Reporting Tool Requirement:** Beginning this month, the district is now requiring a monthly report (attached template). Mary Carmichael, Director of the SC Public Charter School Alliance, is looking into this requirement, as it seems excessive since it is information to which the district already has access (see attached email exchange).
* **Awards:** Honor Roll students’ names were listed in the local papers and will be honored at assemblies on Thursday, February 19th, 8:30, 9:30, and 10:00am. The following individuals were chosen by staff vote for recognition and will be honored on Friday, February 20th:
  + Teacher of the Year: Doris Jones (kindergarten teacher)
  + Rookie Teacher of the Year: Dorothy Raliff (1st grade teacher)
  + Volunteer of the Year: Coyne LeMoreaux-Harman ( a parent of a kindergartender and a 2nd grader);
  + K-5 Student of the Year: Stephanie Miller (4th grader)
  + 6-8th Grade Student of the Year: Brieana Buchanan (6th grader)
  + High School Student of the Year: James Pinckney (10th grader)
  + Paraprofessionals of the Year: Shaun Morgan and Roselyn Moultrie
  + Support Staff of the Year: Karl Fogle (custodian)
  + Administrator of the Year: Dr. LaQuandra Stevenson (AP K-5)
* **Middle School and High School Dances:** The National Junior Art Society hosted a middle school dance fundraiser on Thursday, February 19th, and a high school dance on Friday, February 20th, in the cafeteria. The students were so excited to have these special fun times together. We had a tremendous turnout of students and chaperones and loads of fun!
* **National School Choice Week**: We had good participation in all the activities of National School Choice Week (January 26-30). The student poster winner (Amaya Townsend), essay winners (Breiana Blackshear, Melik Frost, and Chad Moss), and cafeteria mural (National Junior Art Society members and Ms. Cindy Moore), and a visit by Superintendent Wayne Brazell were among the highlights.
* **School Counselor Week:** The week of February 2nd we celebrated School Counselor Week and our fabulous Guidance Counselor, Precious Barr.
* **Black History Month:** Throughout the month of February we are celebrating Black History. As part of this celebration, each day we highlight a different black hero during morning announcements. On February 26th we will have a special program with the students.
* **Jump Rope for Heart:** During the month of February we are participating in the Jump Rope for Heart initiative, as we have done in previous years. On February 27th, our activities will culminate in a special event on the soccer field.
* **Pennies for Patients Drive:** The school raised $500 during the first half of the school year. We have now begun our spring drive to raise an additional $500 to reach our goal of $1,000 for this school year.
* **Read Across America:** Again this spring we will participate in the Read Across America initiative on March 2nd to encourage our students to read more. A number of fun activities are scheduled to highlight the pleasure of reading.
* **Carowinds Field Trip Fundraiser:** As we gear up for the May Carowinds Field Trip for the students who achieved Met or higher on the 2014 PASS tests, we are beginning a cookie dough fundraiser to help defray some of the costs of this field trip, which will be our most expensive field trip to date. We anticipate approximately 250-275 students and 30 chaperones for this trip, which we are scheduling on 2 Saturdays in May.
* **School Calendar:** Attached is the revised 2015-16 School Calendar for review.
* **Newspaper Advertisements School Brochures:** Newspaper ads and stories about our school have been appearing in the local papers. The ads will run through May. School brochures in English and in Spanish were developed by Mrs. Moss as part of our marketing efforts.
* **February newsletter** is attached.
* Approval of 2015-2016 School Year Calendar- A motion to accept the 2015-2016 SY calendar was made by Brandi Freeman and seconded by Pershawn Patterson, and the school calendar was unanimously approved.
* **Action Plans**  - Presentations were given by Dr. Stevenson and Mr. Morse outlining Action Plans for all grades based on MAP Scores as well as PASS testing.
* **Public Comment** – No public comment.
* **Executive Session** - Executive Session motion was called at 8:00 pm by Dr. Rob McBrayer and seconded by Brandi Freeman. A motion to end Executive Session was called at 8:15pm by Dr. Rob McBrayer and seconded by Penny Daley.
* **Concluding Business from Executive Session** – A motion was made by Brandi Freeman and seconded by Dr. Rob McBrayer to accept the Agreement between Facilities Development Company and RLOA to act as the school’s agent/project developer and shepherd the new campus project to completion. The floor was open for discussion. No discussion ensued. The motion to accept the Agreement carried.
* **Motion to Adjourn** – A motion to adjourn was made by Brandi Freeman at 8:17 and was seconded by Penny Daley. The motion carried.