

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD  
*CAROLINA SCHOOL for INQUIRY*  
RICHLAND COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA  
October 10, 2006

**Place and Time of Meeting**

The regular meeting of the Carolina School for Inquiry Board was held at Carolina School for Inquiry, 7405-A Fairfield Road, Columbia, South Carolina, on Tuesday, October 10, 2006 at 6:40 pm pursuant to notice having been duly given to the media and to all members of the Board in accordance with the rules of the Board.

**Call to Order/Roll Call**

The following members were present:

Jeannie P. Eidson, Mark A. Roberts, Trina Randle, B. Quinton Epps, Sue Carstensen,  
New members: Jonathan L. Moreno, Julie M. Barichivich, Darlene S. Bell, and Laurie M. Gantt

Members Absent: Hans von Rautenfeld, and Courtney Simmons

Additional attendees: Stacie Mandrell, Victoria Dixon-Mokeba, and Vickie Laughlin

*Approval of Minutes*

A Motion to approve the minutes from the September 26, 2006 meeting was made by Sue Carstensen, and seconded by Mark Roberts. The motion was approved with the following corrections – *Certified Playground Inspector's name is Marco Broom and state amount awarded to after-school grant.*

*Report on Monthly Financial Statement*

An explanation of the Budget was given by Mr. Epps and Mrs. Eidson. Approval of Monthly Financial Statement was tabled until the November meeting. Sue Carstensen made a motion to change the November meeting to the third Tuesday of the month with a permanent change being decided by the 2006/2007 Board Members., this was seconded by Quinton Epps and approved without objection.

*Public Comments: None*

**Officer and Committee Reports:**

*Director's Report* - Victoria Dixon-Mokeba  
See Attached

*Curriculum Coordinator's Report* - Stacie Mandrell  
See Attached

**New Business:**

- Board Member Training -- To be held on October 21, 2006 at Carolina School for Inquiry. New members to attend if possible. If not, they must attend a future training session.
- Officers, Committees, By-Laws -- To be discussed at the next Board meeting.
- Defining Roles, Assessing Achievement, Monitoring Finances – Jeannie Eidson proposed a committee of five (5) people be created to prepare a proposal defining roles. A motion was made by Mark Roberts to establish this committee, seconded by Quinton Epps. The committee members include Mark Roberts, Lauri Gantt, Jeannie Eidson, Victoria Dixon-Mokeba and Stacie Mandrell. This Committee is to present a report to the board on November 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Other Business:**

- Auditor –Tabled.
- Student Insurance – Forms need to be signed and sent to insurance company. Victoria Dixon-Mokeba is addressing this task.
- Contracts – Sue Carstensen continues to work on the contract for the Professional Related Arts staff. Ms. Carstensen will finalize the contracts with the assistance of Jonathan Moreno before re-presenting to the Board for approval.
- After School Grant / After School Program -- Tabled.
- Playground Installation – See Curriculum Coordinators Report.

A motion to adjourn was made by Quinton Epps and seconded by Sue Carstensen. Meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.

# Carolina School for Inquiry

## Director's Report

Tuesday, October 10, 2006

*The mission of the Carolina School for Inquiry is to teach a diverse population of children in an atmosphere of kindness that facilitates active inquiry, encourages individual growth and promotes respect for self, others and the world in which they live.*

### CSI Celebrations:

- Washington/Davis: Prospective parent came to visit. Observed this primary class and commented how passionate and knowledgeable the students were and how they were able to articulate their learning in such an authentic way.
- Kemmerling: Student who was threatening to leave due to transportation difficulties begged his mother to leave him at CSI, "because the teachers here respect and care about me. Mrs. K. makes learning fun!"
- Samuels: From a parent: "Dr. Samuels is doing a job. My son is bright but lacked motivation. He is so motivated to learn! We are so happy with CSI."
- Mandrell/Richards: "My son comes home talking about all of the neat things that he is learning in this class."
- Kathy/Chantel: Parent was upset that her child wasn't making good choices. Chantel and Kathy comforted both the child and parent. The mother turned to them and said, "What kind of school is this? This never happens in the regular school. You people actually care about us."
- Barr: "I love to assist Mr. Barr. He has good rapport with the students and the parents."

### Student Enrollment-86 enrolled

- Openings -3 primary and 2 Early Elementary
- The families of two students were threatening to leave this week due to transportation issues. (Used the GEO map and these families have formed a car pool.)
- Placed enrollment status/openings in school newsletter (CSI Investigations) see attached

- Possible primary student to join CSI coming from Ridgeway Montessori

New Business:

- SIAC -Needs Assessment
  - Strategic Plan
    - Ensure meaningful academic engagement through quality instructional delivery, leadership and support.
    - Provide and maintain a learning environment in an atmosphere of kindness that encourages active inquiry, fosters individual growth and promotes respect for self, others and the world in which they live.
    - Support and maintain highly qualified, dedicated staff.
    - Foster unity by improving communication and building stronger relationships within the district and with community partners.
    - Develop a system for setting personal, challenging goals for each student that appropriately involves staff, family and community.
    - Organize resources, personnel and time of school system in order to best achieve our mission and objectives.
- DHEC Audit- 100% compliant to regulations
- School Pictures arrived today
- Met with Finance Chair (Quinton) and we studied the budget (10-5-06)
- October 11-Half Day for Students

PSTA-met on Sunday and are planning upcoming events

School-wide Community focus:

*National Fire Prevention Week*

- Crane Creek Fire Department demonstration and field study (student will walk to the fire dept and tour the facility)

*Red Ribbon Week*

- Tuesday, October 24th-“Take a Stand for a Drug Free Land” wear red, white and blue
- Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>- “Hugs not Drugs Day” Bring A stuffed animal to hug.

- Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>- "Celebrate a Healthy Lifestyle" Being Drug Free is no Sweat. Wear exercise clothing.
- Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>- "Team Up day!" Friends don't let friends do drugs! Wear a team shirt.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

October 11 & 12<sup>th</sup> : Aspiring Principals w/ the State Department of Ed.

October 11-Standards in Review-CSI 4:30-6:00 pm

October 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>- SDE Standards

October 21, 2006 Charter School Board Training

**Lunch Report**