

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD
CAROLINA SCHOOL FOR INQUIRY
RICHLAND COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
April 25, 2006**

Place and Time of Meeting

The regular meeting of the Carolina School for Inquiry Board was held at Crane Creek Community Center, 7405 Fairfield Road, Columbia, SC, on Tuesday, April 25, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. 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:

Stacie Mandrell, Kathy Thomas, Sue Carstensen, Hans von Rautenfeld, Jeannie Eidson, and Mark Roberts

Members absent: Trina Randle

Approval of Minutes

The chair called for the approval of the regular meeting minutes of January 3, 2006; February 15, 2006; February 27, 2006; March 28, 2006; and April 11, 2006; with grammatical, spelling and cosmetic changes.

The minutes were approved without objection.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Treasurer's Report. Kathy Thomas presented the treasurer's report, which is attached to these minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Facility Committee – Jeannie Eidson

Cathy McCabe e-mailed suggested revisions for the lease contract. There is a possibility of adjustment based on utility costs. JE presented a revised floor plan, which gives CSI more room at a lower cost. The floor plan is attached. JE announced that the lights are in, the roof will be completed by Friday April 28, the IT ports are running, and CSI will pay for the replacement of broken tile in the bathroom. CSI will place its own parental blocks on the IT ports.

Jeannie Eidson moved that CSI pay for installation of carpet throughout the building in exchange for credit on the second year's lease, if Bill Moser recommends the action.

Stacie Mandrell seconded. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Interview Committee – Stacie Mandrell

Teaching Assistants. There are two good applicants & two more applicants to be interviewed.

NEW BUSINESS

CORE presentation.

Cindy Charles of CORE introduced a program in which a fitness approach using movement and music is used for to empower students and help them to develop skills.

The CORE tech fitness program would offer staff training & site licensing as well as follow-up at a cost of \$1250. The information was taken under consideration and placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Mission Statement.

Jeannie Eidson e-mailed a suggestion for a mission statement for CSI. The board will consider the issue and plan a retreat in May at which to explore the possibilities.

Bus Update.

Mark Roberts reported that he and Sue Carstensen have called several bus dealers. He suggests CSI look into renting a bus until a new bus is affordable.

Budget Update and Discussion.

Bill Moser is amending the P & I grant budget to insert the grant money into the correct accounts in our budget. The final budget will be available for approval in 2 – 3 weeks. There are additional funding sources which must be pursued.

Stacie Mandrell moved to authorize Jeannie Eidson to negotiate and open a line of credit with BB&T. Hans von Rautenfeld seconded the motion. The motion was approved without objection.

By Law revision.

Sue Carstensen moved to form an Ad Hoc committee to reform the by-laws. Hans von Rautenfeld seconded. The motion passed without object. Stacie Mandrell assigned all board members to the ad hoc committee on the by-laws.

Family Gathering.

The next family gathering will be an Ice Cream Social on Saturday, May 27 from 2 – 4 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

Jeannie Eidson asked to have information on Kids on the Go placed on the website, with the clear indication that CSI is not sponsoring a private business and will welcome information on other transportation that meets our criteria.

Sue Carstensen moved to engage RCRC to sponsor the after-school program at CSI. Hans von Rautenfeld seconded. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Copier.

Hans von Rautenfeld reported that it is better to purchase a copier rather than lease one.

Mark Roberts moved to purchase the DOS Gestetner 435 copier for \$9455, as well as the all-inclusive service plan, and the booklet finisher. Stacie Mandrell seconded.

Jeannie Eidson moved to approve the \$150 rental fee for storage space from RCRC. Mark Roberts seconded. The motion passed without objection.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection.