

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD
CAROLINA SCHOOL for INQUIRY
RICHLAND COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
September 26, 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, September 26, 2006 at 6:42 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 Eidson, Hans von Rautenfeld, Mark Roberts, Quinton Epps, Sue Carstensen and Courtney Simmons

Members Absent: Trina Randle

Additional attendees: Stacie Mandrell, Victoria Dixon-Mokeba, Bill Moser, Dr. Susi Long and Vickie Laughlin

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the August 22, and September 12, 2006 meetings was made by Jeannie Eidson and seconded by Hans von Rautenfeld. The motion was approved with the following change to the September 12 minutes -- *teachers will distribute individual written assessments of students by October 19, 2006. All teachers are required to have conferences with parents prior to the detailed narrative progress report on October 19, 2006.*

Report on Monthly Financial Statement B Bill Moser

Mr. Moser reported the current financial situation is right on target. The Board Members reviewed the budget. Questions were addressed by Mr. Moser. Mr. Epps made a motion to approve the August 2006 budget. Mr. von Rautenfeld seconded and the Budget was approved without objection. Victoria Dixon-Mokeba was presented two (2) official copies of the August, 2006 Budget to be kept on file in the school office.

Public Comments: Dr. Susi Long

Dr. Long reported on the MAT program. Dr. Long is teaching her class on Tuesday of each week at CSI. Each of her students is working one on one with various CSI students. Thus far this is a success for the MAT student as well as the CSI student. The MAT class hosted a dinner for the families of the CSI students involved with the program. Dr. Long did a presentation for the parents. The attendance by the CSI families was over 90 percent.

CSI Board Minutes September 26, 2006

The Board entered Executive Session at 7:39 pm with return to regular session at 8:08 pm.

Returning to regular session Sue Carstensen made the following motions:

- Hire Lynn Doggette, known by all as "Didi", to teach Related Arts/Yoga as discussed in executive session.
- Approve Chantelle Brown's contract as discussed in executive session.
- Approve Kathy Thomas' contract as discussed in execution session.

The motions were each seconded by Hans von Rautenfeld and approved without objection.

Officer and Committee Reports:

Director's Report B Victoria Dixon-Mokeba

See Attached

Curriculum Coordinator's Report B Stacie Mandrell

Mrs. Mandrell reported Upper Elementary is working on Inquiry project. The computers are not working well. The District approved Science Class Kits. Rigby Reading Materials are on hold pending credit check. The Finance committee approved each teacher to spending \$250.00. The second curriculum night is September 28th, *Understanding Inquiry-Based Learning* is the topic. There are upcoming conferences for the teachers by the State Department of Education on Curriculum and Standards.

Parents who are certified teachers are willing to Substitute.

New Business:

- Board Elections -- There are eight applicants for the 2006/2007 Governing Board. Ballots will be distributed and voting is October 2-6, 2006. Counting the ballots will be at noon on Saturday, October 7, 2006.
- Auditor – Quinton Epps is getting estimates from Auditors.
- Student Insurance – Mrs. Mandrell reported the school will purchase Student Accident Insurance for each of the students.
- Teachers Computers – Jeannie Eidson and Stacie Mandrell reported Dell laptops could be acquired for 599.00.

Other Business:

- After School Grant / After School Program -- Jeannie Eidson and Stacie Mandrell attended the breakfast hosted by Women in Philanthropy. CSI is the recipient of a 2006 After School Program Grant from Women in Philanthropy. Dr. Samuel Darko's after school projects will be presented to the group.
- Playground Installation -- Mrs. Mandrell reported the Playground Equipment has been installed. There are some safety concerns. Robert Allen with RCRC has been contacted. Mark O'Brian, a certified Playground Inspector viewed the playground and photographed. Bliss Products (the installers) has been contacted.
- Counselor -- Stacie Mandrell has talked with Jeannie Epps regarding counselors once a week. Mrs. Epps will refer some names to Mrs. Mandrell.
- Work on a Recycling Program continues.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mark Roberts, seconded by Quinton Epps. With no objections the meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Carolina School for Inquiry

Director's Report

Tuesday, September 26, 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.

Pulling Together...

Old Business:

- September Family Gatherings
 - Muffins with Moms
 - Doughnuts with Dads
 - Grits with Grandparents

- School Picture Day
 - School Incentive: \$184.00

- Students Enrollment-89 enrolled
 - Openings -1 primary and 1 Early Elementary
 - Professional Development-Induction: Chris and Laurio
 - Mentor Teachers: Stacie and Verdie (all attend training offered by R1)

New Business:

- MAT Family Dinner-Tuesday, September 26, 2006 (Connecting home and community literacy)
- Cookout 5-6pm, PSTA 6-6:30 pm /Curriculum Night 6:30-7:30 pm - September 28, 2005 (Mad Science for the kids 6-7:15 pm)
- September 28, 2006 Charter School support meeting at Saluda Shoals 8:30-3:30 pm
- Mad Science Assembly Friday, September 29, 2006 @ 8:30 am (parents are invited to attend)
- Rich 1 Update
 - Budget and finance are setting up the \$250 stipend for all teachers

- National Board Teacher supplement account has been established. Funding should be included with next EFA distribution
 - Courtney Simmons has setup R1 Volunteer organization to meet at CSI on October 11, 2006 at 12:00pm in the cafeteria.
 - State Department of Education will host “Standards in Review” October 11, 2006 from 4:30-6:00 pm in the cafeteria. (Educators from across the state are invited to attend) {I serve on the ELA state writing panel}
 - Administrative Professional Development has been established throughout the remainder of the year. (testing, curriculum, etc.)
- DHEC Audit- October 6, 2006
 - Field Trip possibilities: See attachment
 - Board of Directors Applications:
 - Lauri Gantt
 - Darlene Bell
 - Julie Barichvich
 - Jeanie Eidson
 - Jonathan Moreno
 - Mrs. Cochran
 - Others...

Demographics of current applicants:

Ethnicity	Employment & Experience
3 African American	GIS Manager, Secretary, Network
3 Caucasian	Administrator, Infrastructure
	Technician, Chief Operating Officer,
	R1 Teacher

Upcoming School Events: See October Calendar (attached)