

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Board
Carolina School for Inquiry
Richland County, South Carolina
September 15, 2009**

Place and Time of Meeting

The regular meeting of the Carolina School for Inquiry was held at Carolina School for Inquiry, 7405-A Fairfield Road, Columbia, South Carolina, on Tuesday September 15th 2009 at 7:00pm pursuant to notice having been duly given to the media and all members of the Board in accordance with the rules of the Board.

Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by the Chair Kathy Duffy-Thomas followed by a reading of the mission statement.

The following members were present:

Wilfred G. Rogers. Ellen Duffy Cleary, Trina Randle, Carroll Lucas and Queen Bonaparte.
Non-Members present: Victoria Dixon-Mokeba, Bill Moser, Dr. David Church

Agenda was amended to add a guidance department presentation. The amended agenda was adopted on a motion from Wilfred and seconded by Carroll.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for August were approved on a motion from Queen and seconded by Wilfred.

Continuing Education:

First up was a presentation from the 6th grade class along with their teacher Ms. Spradley. The presentation consisted of the singing of the song "I believe I can Fly" followed by a student led PowerPoint presentation on what they have learned in class so for this year.

Following the 6th grade presentation was a presentation from the Guidance director Ms. Jocelyn Brannon. She talked about the services offered by the guidance counselor and discussed the classroom topics she will focus on for the first 9 weeks. The topics were: manners and making the appropriate introductions.

Ms Brannon's presentation was followed by the introduction of the candidates for the 09-10 board of Directors. First introduced were the new candidates followed by the current Board members seeking re-election. Each of the candidates gave an introduction of them and made a statement on their vision for the school.

After the introductions, a presentation was made on the expectations and duties of the Board members. The presentation and discussion was led by Kathy Duffy Thomas, Bill Moser, Dr.Church, and V. Dixon-Mokeba

Public Comments:

The following persons made statements during the time allowed for public comments.

- Monica Sumter: wants answers to Ms T. Washington's situation

- Megan McBride: How can we let a 10 minute meeting turn into a Category 5 Hurricane?
- Angela Edmond: Requests more communications between the school and the parents.
- Nurse Hopkins- Healthy Behavior
- Kenya Johnson Cannon: Ms. T. Washington supporter
- Kimberly Lewis: Ms T. Washington supporter

Following the public comments, an overwhelming number of visitors in the room left the meeting. The remainder of the meeting went as follows:

Committee Reports:

Education: No report

Budget Committee: Bill talked about the July and August expenditures and the percentage of revenue that is left.

Governance: David Church approved the Board election procedure. Ellen presented a brochure that talks about what “Inquiry” based education is.

Facility: Queen reported that the contracts for extension of the lease with RCRC are pending.

Directors Report

Current Student enrollment:

Kindergarten 18
 First Grade 18
 Second Grade 21
 Third Grade 13
 Fourth Grade 16
 Fifth Grade 20
 Sixth Grade 9

Curriculum Specifics

USC/Benedict Partnership

- Dr Susi Long – ECE
- Jennifer Strickland Poole- ECE
- Margo Jackson- Elementary
- Interns from Benedict and USC

Curricular Conversations was held

Discussion with Chovan Jennings from RCSD1 on materials

Dominie Testing is still being done by teachers

ADEPT method of evaluation will now be used to evaluate all teachers.

Maintenance Issues:

- Teachers request SMART Boards be Mounted.
- Cabinets that store MOTB materials must be replaced.
- Swine Flu
- NBPTS
- Richland One officials were notified of the signed petition passed around by parents and signed by some employees. Dr Mack and Vince Ford requested a meeting with the schools director and several Board members.
- CSI goes up for renewal next year. The process starts now.

The Board went into executive session at 9:20pm on a motion from Wilfred and seconded by Carroll

The Board came out of executive session at 9:36pm

The Board adjourned at 9:37pm on a motion from Wilfred and seconded by Queen.