



Friends of CSI

Friends of CSI Executive Board Minutes

Members in Attendance:

Deirdre Davis-Blunt (DB)
Renee Boles (RB)
Audrey Nesbit (AN)
Lahartha Phelps (LP)
Dr. V. Samuels (VS)

Members Absent:

Tammie Clark (TC)

Other Attendees:

Victoria-Dixon Mokeba (VM)
Stephanie Jackson
Terri Washington
Shanika Etheridge

Members- Deirdre Davis-Blunt (President), Renee Boles (Vice President), Tammie Clark (Treasurer), Audrey Nesbit (Secretary), LaHartha Phelps (Volunteer Coordinator) Dr. Verdie Samuels (Faculty Liaison),

President Deirdre Davis-Blunt called The Friends of CSI (FoCSI) executive board meeting to order in the Media Center of Carolina School for Inquiry on Tuesday, November 3, 2009 at 5:45 PM. After the minutes were reviewed and approved, the following issues were discussed:

- **Treasury Report** - DB reported \$9,987.45 as of 10/31/09 in the FOCSI account. This total includes a deposit from FoCSI's Snack Favorites fundraiser; returned item fees of \$50.00; a debit card purchase amount of \$70.92.
- **New Treasurer** – Tammie Clark has accepted the position of FoCSI board Treasurer. Kim Lewis has officially resigned from the FoCSI Board.
- **FoCSI Membership Drive** – RB reported the FoCSI Membership Drive officially ended 10/31/09. Dr. Samuel's class is our winner with the first to achieve 100% participation. They will receive a Pizza Party ... while the other classes with 100% participation in the drive enjoy popcorn. VM will get feedback from the teachers regarding dates for the parties.
- **Fall Fundraiser Update** – There were two (2) returned checks written on the account. The Board agreed that a letter would be mailed to the person who wrote the check on FoCSI letterhead. AN to mail letter to each person (See attachment) DB addressed large order with no funds associated to the parent. (see attached verbiage) Twelve (12) were top sellers and secured the "Lunch & a Limo" reward. The Board agreed that the limo ride will be 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM at Chuck-E-Cheese. The students are to wear their CSI T-shirts. They were: *Jordin Bell, Erica Bell, Tymia Boles, Jalen Blunt, Justin Blunt, Kennedie Fee, Danesha Edmonds, Summer Edmonds, Kayla Johnson, Camryn Laurie, Reginald Nesbit, and DeShawn Thomas*
It was discussed and agreed that the board members who could assist with the orders between 7:30AM-8:15 AM and in the afternoon around 3:00 PM for delivery. RB stated that the Snack Favorites personnel were very impressed with our sales. They complimented the Board with getting the orders pushed through ... and asked if there was interest in a Spring Fundraiser.
- **T-Shirt Sales Update** – DB asked TC if we can organize the orders. TC will take the orders (minimum order) directly to the vendor (Specialty Tees) a payment of \$595.00 was discussed– which is the balance for the t-shirts. DB will meet with TC to get the orders placed.

- **2009/2010 Yearbook Update** – LP met w/Lifetouch. LP reported that the yearbook will be soft-back, stapled and durable. It was suggested that we come up with a theme. Fees are based upon the number of pages. Minimum order of 50 copies.
 - 20 Page Color = \$17.00
 - BW = \$14.00
 - 24 pages = additional \$1.00

Deadline for pre-sell is March, 2010. Four (4) complimentary copies are given automatically. LP will be meeting with yearbook sponsor and staff before next FoCSI board meeting. LP has about 10 folks on task to help out with the layout of the yearbook, etc.

- **Curriculum Explorations Night** – Scheduled November 23, 2009 at 6:00 PM. DB suggested 10-15 minutes on the agenda. VM to asked parents for covered dish for Thanksgiving Feast.
- **Student Assistants** – VM reported that student assistants will be in the Early & Upper Elementary classrooms in Spring 2010
- **Mentoring/Tutoring Program** – Parent, Stephanie Jackson suggested and will lead the charge in establishing a Mentoring/Tutoring program in conjunction with the After Care program. RB will inquire SCANA's Homework center program. Ms. Jackson suggested that the current 5th and 6th graders could participate in this endeavor.
- **Library Schedule/Spanish Instructor** – VM stated currently the library is open to check out books. She is in conversation with the CSI Board in securing a Librarian. VM is interviewing several candidates for the Spanish Instructor position. She stated that she has listed an ad on the SC Charter School Website and Cierra. She stated that she is actively and aggressively trying to secure a candidate with the best fit for this position.
- **Pass Testing Results** – VM stated that the scores will not be released until December 2009.
- **New Business** –
 - DB and RB reported that a FoCSI Board member needs to be in attendance at all CSI Board meetings. It was noted that it would be good for us to understand what the school is doing. The next meeting is scheduled November 17th at 7:00 PM. Either AN or DB will attend.
 - The Board was in complete agreement regarding the great work that Jeanie Eidson is doing with the FoCSI Website updates
 - VM to ask CSI accountants regarding IRS correspondence specifically "Form 837"

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM. Next Scheduled Meeting December 3, 2009