



Friends of CSI

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Members in Attendance:

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

Members Absent:

Other Attendees:

Mr. D. Edmonds
Victoria-Dixon Mokeba (VM)

Members- Deirdre Davis-Blunt (President), Renee Boles (Vice President), Kim Lewis (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 **Thursday, September 3, 2009 at 5:45 PM**. DB opened with the introduction of the additional members of the 2009-2011 Board. The following issues were discussed:

- **Faculty Concern at CSI** - *As a FoCSI board, I believe it is in the best interest of the School, FOCSI and the Administration that we allow the school board members and the administration to discuss and resolve this matter. To date, we are neutral and will focus on FoCSI's purpose and objectives in accordance to Article III of the By-Laws.*
- **Transition** – Quanya Johnson, past president of FoCSI was not available to meet with the board due to death in the family. VS stated that we needed closure on the Playground Equipment project. This was a project that was started by the previous board.
- **Treasury Report** – KL reported as of 08/27/09, First Citizen bank statement reports a balance in the FoCSI account as \$2, 740.52. After review of incoming mail, it was noted that there is an outstanding invoice of \$700.00 for the purchase of CSI T-Shirts. VM is to research and follow up findings with the board.
- **FOCSI Membership Drive** – All agreed to keep the membership fee as \$5.00. As an incentive, it was suggested and agreed that the first class to receive 100% participation will receive a party (Popcorn, Ice Cream, Pizza, etc...) AN will get a FOCSI sign to hang on easel during drive activities. DB reviewed and approved the FoCSI welcome letter. AN will copy and give to Ms. Green by Tuesday, September 8th. It was suggested that we give out pencils or bumper stickers as a promo for membership.
- **Lessons Learned** – *More communication* between faculty, parents and the community regarding events, etc is needed. It was suggested that the CSI Website be updated appropriately. VM will contact our Website Administrator Jennie Eidson. The board also noted that we should communicate via Richland One TV for updates and events. VM stated that she would forward what we need to Richland One TV. In addition to hard copies of memos, letters ... the board suggested that the Marquee be updated with events, announcements. VM stated that a certain "ladder" is needed because of how the marquee sits on a slant. VM will research.

- **Fall Fundraiser** – David Edmonds (a 6th grade parent) suggested Indian River Fruit as this fall's fundraiser. He did not have a flyer or information to hand out but did state that it was a good fundraiser. Coke products were suggested by a board member, stating that this was a tried and true fundraiser. Krispy Kreme doughnuts was suggested – but using the certificates. The Board decided each will research and come together Friday, September 17th.
- **Curriculum Explorations Night** - DB suggested that we incorporate FoCSI during this night. The board all agreed that we include more student involvement – in order to get the **parents involved**. The format would be that of the "traditional PTO night". It was agreed upon that we would incorporate speakers, have the students doing activities (chorus), etc
- **Initial T-shirt Order** - It was agreed by the board to sell T-shirts at the 09/24/09 Curriculum Explorations Night at \$12.00 per shirt.
- **Tentative FoCSI Scheduled Events** –
 - Grits for Grandparents – Friday, September 18, 2009
 - American Educations Week – November
 - Muffins for Moms - May
 - Doughnuts for Dads – February
 - Teacher Appreciation – First full week in May
- **New Business** – RB to research hands-free wipes/sanitizer. It was suggested that this was needed in light of the H1N1 Flu outbreak. RB will purchase and get reimbursed by FoCSI.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM. Next scheduled meeting will be 09/18/09 at 6:30 PM