

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FOR
BEACON COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL
September 15th, 2014**

The Board of Directors for Beacon College Prep Charter School met on Monday, September 15th, 2014, at 5:00 p.m. at the Martin Luther King Elementary Campus located at 7124 NW 12th Avenue, Miami, FL.

Members Present

Mr. Jeff Miller, President and Board Chair
Mr. N. Patrick Range, II, Vice President
Mr. Octavio Verdeja, Treasurer (via telephone)
Ms. Melissa Krinzman, Secretary

Members Absent

None

Others Present

Ms. Sylvia Diaz, Assistant Superintendent, Innovation & School Choice
Ms. Vanassa Washington, District Director, Innovation & School Choice
Mr. John Flickinger, Director of Development, Beacon College Prep
Mr. Patrick Evans, Principal, Beacon College Prep
Ms. Ailsa J. Simon, Director, Innovation & School Choice
Mr. Richard Moreno, Building Hope
Mr. Wifredo Fernandez

Call to Order

Mr. Miller called the meeting to order at 5:11 p.m.

Approval of Minutes for July 17th, 2014 Meeting

Mr. Miller presented the minutes for the July 17th, 2014 meeting and made a motion to approve them.

Ms. Krinzman seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Change to School Calendar

Mr. Evans reported that he will be taking his teachers to New York City on September 25th and 26th for Excellent Schools visit; therefore the school will be closed both days. The 25th is a teacher planning day, but the 26th is a regular school day. He has submitted the school

calendar change for approval to the District to add one school day at the end of the year. Mr. Evans and his teachers will be visiting two Uncommon Schools and two Achievement First Schools in their tour. Mr. Evans explained there is much to be learned from those examples.

Financial Report

Mr. Flickinger presented the July 2014 Financial Statement for review by the Board. Statement currently shows a deficit because the July FTE funds are not reflected.

The Board discussed changing the wire transfer approval chain. Mr. Verdeja motioned to give Mr. Evans the authority to make wire transfers for payroll purposes in order to facilitate operations. Mr. Miller seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Principal's Report

Enrollment

Mr. Evans reported that the school currently has 107 students enrolled. He indicated that most of the students are below grade level.

School Staff

There are 6 teachers in the staff including Art and PE. However, Mr. Evans intends to replace one of them. The terms of employment and termination are outlined in the School Employee Handbook. Employment is at will. Severance pay is not required. Also outlined in the handbook are the vacation and sick leave terms.

Mr. Miller suggested having bi-monthly team building events for the staff. Board members could host the events, one each time.

Extended School Day

The school day extends until 4:30pm every day. Arts for Learning program will start in October, two days per week. Arts for Learning will provide half the cost of the program (\$10,000) and the school the other half (another \$10,000). Mr. Flickinger would like to raise those funds privately.

Parent Involvement

Mr. Evans indicated that the first parent meeting had 35% attendance.

Mr. Range stressed the importance of involving parents in their children's education by developing a close relationship between the parents and the school.

Mr. Evans explained that he and all his teachers are outside during dismissal every day. This way they interact with the parents on a daily basis. In addition, individual parent conferences will start to be scheduled shortly.

Mr. Miller suggested having a Barbecue for parents and raffling the barbecue at the end.

Trip to FIU

Mr. Evans reported that he has planned a field trip for second graders to go to FIU. He expects the experience will inspire the students.

Facilities Update

Mr. Miller indicated that there are ongoing conversations with Ms. Valtena Brown about the School Board's mill property being available for lease.

Building Hope has a possible financing option to build a new facility at a lower interest rate.

Mr. Flickinger explained that for school year 2015-2016, the school still needs a temporary facility. Possibilities include the use of the second floor of the Holy Redeemer Church or adding portables to the MLK site.

Mr. Miller indicated that his preference is for the school to stay in the same area of town.

Beautification Project

The portables and surroundings of the school look the way they do thanks to the support of Mr. Verdeja, Mr. Miller and Mr. Range, who donated plants, soil, tents, painters and asphalt. Many thanks.

Board Expansion

Mr. Flickinger introduced Mr. Wifredo Fernandez, an educator, to the Board. Mr. Fernandez spoke briefly about his involvement with The Lab Miami.

MDCPS Charter Contract

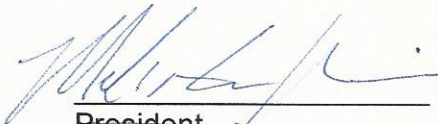
Ms. Washington indicated that all cleanup work for the contract has been completed. Next step is Board Attorney review.

Middle School Charter Application

The Beacon Middle School Charter Application is on the agenda to be reviewed on September 30th.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Approved by:



President
Secretary

Date 10/15/14