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CAROLINA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2012

Attendance:

	2012					2013						
	8/9	9/13	10/11	11/8	12/13	1/10	2/14	3/14	4/11	5/9	6/13	
Scott Elliott	X		X									
Dr. Charles Hutchison		X										
Sam Leder	X	X	X									
Tom Anderson	X	X	X									
Terri Clay Meadows			X									
Curtis Ifill	X	X	X									
Terri Channey			X									
Melissa Cooler												
Nimish Bhatt												
Mystica Nelmes	X	X	X									
Donna Harkey	X	X										
Kim Hoyle	X	X	X									
Abby Bottoms	X	X	X									
Sarah Frankart		X	X									
PTSO		X	X									

Call to Order: 6:35 pm

CIS Mission Statement

Sarah Frankart

Secretary's Report

Abby Bottoms

Reviewed minutes from the July 2012 and September 2012 meeting and noted changes. Curtis Ifill motioned to approve the July 2012 and September 2012 minutes with noted changes. Terri Channey seconded. Motion Passed.

Committee Reports

Academic Report:

Mystica Nelmes, Principal

Mystica Nelmes gave an overview of academic status including the following points and newly implemented programs:

- ESL testing 25 students
- World Peace assembly
- Student council raised \$180 for buddy walk
- Big Sweep-had the most clean in all of CC
- BLT finished the SIP
- Hired new music teacher
- Looking for ELA
- DTAP for 6th grade due
- Mint Hill fundraiser raised \$1020 for new school
- Gravel lot raised \$550
- Made the BOD for Charter association
- BASP now has 62 members
- Wrote a federal grant for a new EC Assistant
- International Festival is tomorrow

Kim Hoyle, Assistant Principal

Kim Hoyle had the following updates:

- Military forms were included in the beginning of the year packets and we have 40 families that qualify.
- Economically disadvantaged forms were also in the beginning of the year packets and we have 26% families that qualify.
- The Cabarrus County Chamber of Commerce held a focus group on how to incorporate businesses into curriculum.
- The Finance Class is partnered with 5/3 Bank and the Dave Ramsey Program.
- Woodson University wants to come visit our school.
- Will be attending the testing meeting tomorrow.
- MAP scheduling is underway
- Curriculum nights were successful.
- International Festival will be held October 12, 2012.

Scott Elliott asked for an update on where we were with the new common core standards. We started implementing common core last year and it is completely integrated this school year.

School Improvement Plan

Beth Torres

Beth Torres presented the School Improvement Plan for review pointing out the following improvement foci for the 2012 – 2013 school year:

Globally Competitive Students:

- By June 2013, Carolina International School will increase the percentage of students in grades 3 – 8 that are proficient in math by 2.6% from 91.5% to 94.1% as measured by READY NC EOG scores.
- By June 2013, Carolina International School will increase the percentage of students in grades 3 – 8 that are proficient in reading by 2.2% from 88.1% to 90.3% as measured by READY NC EOG scores.
- By June 2013, Carolina International School will increase the percentage of students in grades 5 and 8 that are proficient in Science in by 2.7% from 79.4% to 82.2% as measured by READY NC EOG scores.
- By June 2013, Carolina International School will implement mClass Reading 3D for all students in grades K – 2.

21st Century Professionals:

By June, 2013, Carolina International School will employ, support, and train 100% of its staff to be 21st Century Professionals while maintaining at least 100% of its staff as highly qualified in his or her certified area as recognized by the state of North Carolina.

Healthy and Responsible Students:

- By June 2013, 100% of teachers will read the Leader in Me in preparation for the developing Character Education Program.
- By June 2013, Carolina International School teachers' level of influence on decision making in the school will increase by 10% from 64.7% to 74.7% as measured by the Teacher Working Conditions Survey.
- By April 2013, the BOD will gather data to measure increased accessibility based on the parent survey, with a 10% increase from 72.9%

Leadership:

- By June 2013, the BOD will gather data from the 2012-2013 parent survey to measure administrations level of professionalism and responsiveness from 70% to 80% satisfaction.

21st Century Systems:

- By June 2013, All Carolina International School Teachers will be provided a laptop as a part of a 1:1 computing initiative for use in their classrooms to improve student achievement and model 21st Century skills as measured by parent/teacher survey.

Terri Channey motioned to approve the SIP. Terri Clay-Meadows seconded. Motion Passed.

Finance Report:

Sam Leder & Abby Bottoms

Reviewed the budget as of 9-30-12 and discussed the recommended changes. Curtis Ifill motioned to approve the budget with the changes. Terry Clay Meadows seconded. Motion passed.

New building update:

- Reviewing several funding options with Wells Fargo, Charter School Capital and RBC.
- Plans are ready to go to permitting as soon as funding is finalized.
- We are a few months behind, and an August 2013 open date is not possible.
- We are moving forward while being mindful of the budget impacts the new school will have in future years.

PTSO:

Ryan Brenneman

The PTSO had the following updates:

- Has completed the fall fundraising
- The book fair was larger this year and the school library will benefit from the increased sales.
- The winter fundraiser will be cookie dough, dry goods and wrapping paper.
- Muffins with Mom was a new activity held on Oct. 10th and was very successful.
- Oct. 23rd – Bojangles spirit night.
- Oct. 26th – volunteer appreciation
- Nov. 1st – Fries Skate night

- They would like to purchase and additional bus to donate to the school. The PTSO will have further discussions regarding the purchase of the second bus and concerns regarding liability for both the PTSO and school.

Staff Report**Sarah Frankart**

See attached update from the staff.

New Business

Welcomed new board member Terri Channey.

Terri Clay-Meadows tenured her resignation from the Board.

Open Comments

Shannon Johnson, a member of the grant committee stated that the committee would like to be moved from the PTSO to work more closely with the board and administration. The committee would like to work closely with administration to channel efforts to needed areas. Scott Elliott commented that the board appreciates all the work the grant committee has done to this point.

8:45 Tom Anderson moved to go into closed session. Curtis Ifill seconded. Motion passed.

Closed Session: Contract matters: personnel. Open Session: 9:40 pm

Curtis Ifill motioned to approve the new copier lease with Modern Impressions. Tom Anderson seconded. Motion passed.

Tom Anderson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Sam Leder seconded. Motion passed. **Adjournment:** 9:45 pm.

As Board Chair, I certify that these minutes have been reviewed and approved as they appear above.

Signature

Date

Carole Fink – 5th Grade

My math classes are going to be participating in the FETCH program starting this week. The Charlotte Chapter of the NC Association of CPAs (NCACPA) is working with local schools and youth groups to present *Fetch!*, a financial literacy program for students in grades four through six. *Fetch!* is a two-hour program where students work in teams to budget, save, and spend money to care for an imaginary pet dog. At the end of the session, the team who has purchased all of the necessary supplies for their pet (food, collar, leash, and bone) and who has the most money in their savings account is declared the winner.

Trish Valentino – ESL

ESL classes are up and running with much enthusiasm! I am currently serving 26 students. Students receive services in the classroom and/or in ESL content classes.

Hans Furlough – Science

We now have a registered elementary, middle, and high school Science Olympiad teams. Also, next week 7th grade is practicing their bottle rocket builds. This is a Science Olympiad event and works with STEM. The following week we will have an official launch.

Megan Deiwert – 2nd Grade

2nd grade is doing an entire week on Germany to get ready for the international festival.

Sarah Grafton – 4th Grade

My science classes have created power point presentations as a culminating project for our magnet unit. Yeah technology!

Troy Bunch – Kindergarten

Skyped with Uganda.