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## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2013

Attendance:

	2013					2014					
	8/15	9/12	10/10	11/14	12/12	1/9	2/13	3/13	4/10	5/8	6/12
Scott Elliott			X								
Dr. Charles Hutchison		X	X								
Sam Leder		X									
Tom Anderson		X	X								
Curtis Ifill		X	X								
Jeff Mann			X								
Melissa Cooler											
Mystica Nelmes		X	X								
Donna Harkey		X	X								
Sally Reynolds		X	X								
Abby Bottoms		X	X								
Sarah Poling		X	X								
PTSO		X	X								

Call to Order: 6:35 by Charles Hutchison

CIS Mission Statement

Sarah Poling

### Committee Reports

#### Secretaries Report

Abby Bottoms

Reviewed the minutes from the September 2013 meeting. Curtis Ifill made a motion to accept the minutes with the noted changes. Tom Anderson seconded. Motion passed.

#### Building Committee Report

Tom Anderson

Edifice has broken ground, there will be an official ground breaking ceremony in the near future. The property is a construction site and we cannot visit at will.

#### Capital Campaign Committee

Tom Anderson

Has been interviewing companies to help with our Capital Campaign and recommends Capital Development to the board.

#### Technology

Steven Clark and Kevin Lipp

Presented the iPad implementation plan

#### Finance Report

Curtis Ifill

Reviewed the financial reports prepared by LB&A. Discussed some possible adjustments that might be necessary when the final revenue numbers come from DPI. Reviewed the invoice process for the construction invoices.

#### Academic Report

Mystica Nelmes

Mystica Nelmes provided an overview of academics including the following points:

- Writing technology plan with Technology Committee
- 20<sup>th</sup> day-593 students
- EDS-23%
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to Cherokee
- Progress Reports
- PDP's by hand

- Technology update-
  - Zscaler
  - MAP-cloud based
  - Ipads for K-2
  - mClass for K-3
- Peace Day
- SIP
- Immunizations for K and 6
- Math programs
  - Go math!
  - Big Ideas!
  - Larsen Math
- New Custodial Staff-Blink
- Sub meeting
- Fire alarm
- Athletics
  - Volleyball- 4-8
  - Soccer- 7-3
  - Cross country 2<sup>nd</sup> place

**Donna Harkey, Assistant Principal**

Donna Harkey provided an overview of academics including the following points:

- Big Sweep 35 participants, most unusual item, skeleton (rodent)
- Power school 2 portals open to teachers – Schoolnet and NCEES
- AIG plan

**Sally Reynolds, Assistant Principal**

Sally Reynolds provided an overview of academics including the following points:

- ACT Explore (8<sup>th</sup>) and Plan (10<sup>th</sup>) – full testing ended today. Make-up testing for 2 - 8<sup>th</sup> graders, is scheduled for tomorrow.
- NC State Board of Education agreed on cut-scores for EOG and EOC testing from the spring. LEA will review and corrections will occur in November and Individual Student Scores will be sent in December. These scores represent the transition between the previous NC Standard Course of Study and the full adoption of the Common Core Standards.
- Fall MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) is scheduled to begin October 21<sup>st</sup> for all grade levels;

## **PTSO Report**

**Eileen Sousley**

See attached report

## **Staff Report**

**Sarah Poling**

1<sup>st</sup> grade – We are beginning our Community Helpers project this month. Students will interview and research community helpers with careers that they'd like to pursue when they are older. The students will also listen to a variety of parents present about their careers and how they contribute to the success of our community.

2<sup>nd</sup> grade – We are studying matter! Students loved our “What’s the Matter?” classroom workshop with Rocket Ryan. We are also getting ready for Oktoberfest at the end of the month!

3<sup>rd</sup> grade – Last week Rocket Ryan from High Touch High Tech visited the third grade classes to lead us in fun, educational, and hands-on learning experiments which correlated with our Science unit on Human Body Systems. This week the third grade classes will take a field trip to The Schiele Museum where we will participate in two programs, Life in the Carolina Back Country and Catawba Village Study Tour which correlate with our Social Studies unit on History. The students will also visit the Planetarium in preparation for our Science unit on Space.

5<sup>th</sup> grade – This week Mrs. Fisher’s SS/ELA class is holding a trial to determine who rightfully owns the “Americas” – the Explorers who claim they found it or the Native Americans who were there first. Verdict will be announced on Friday.

Science Olympiad – Mr. Furlough attended the Science Olympiad Coaches Institute at Centennial Campus Middle School where he learned about the new Science Olympiad events for 2014. Mrs. Grafton will be attending the Elementary Coaches Institute later this month. Furlough (HS), Wright (MS), and Grafton (Elem) are looking to put together a team for Elementary, Middle, and High School Divisions. Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> there will be a Science Olympiad interest meeting for parents and students.

## **Old Business**

### **New Business**

Discussed new laws regarding background checks

### **Open Comments –**

Shelly Beauvais – talked about the reasons she chose this school for her children, mainly because she did not want her children in an assembly line system full of politics.

Karen Powell – expressed concerns regarding rumors she heard regarding 11<sup>th</sup> grade.

Linda Velez – expressed concerns regarding a discussion between administration and her daughter regarding male teachers.

Cassandra Velez – expressed concerns because she was told she could not talk discuss certain topics with teachers that are not trained counselors.

Janet Bryant – has been waiting for the new school to open, but is now concerned because her children do not want to continue attending CIS.

Suellen Laberdia – expressed concerns about losing inspiring teachers.

Dee Dee Brennehan – expressed concerns about technology. Asked that no more technology initiatives be rolled out until we master what we already have.

Avidgor Dagan – teaches at a local college and has seen students not prepared to handle technology when they enter college. Expressed the need to educate parents as well as students on new technology initiatives

Jeff Mann made a motion to go into closed session. Charles Hutchison seconded. Motion Passed

**Closed Session 7:40 pm**

**Open Session 10:10 pm**

Tom Anderson made a motion to approve the contract with Capital Development. Jeff Mann seconded. Motion Passed.

Curtis Ifill made a motion to adjourn. Tom Anderson seconded.

**Adjournment 10:15 pm**

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

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*Date*