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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2013

Attendance:

	2012					2013					
	8/9	9/13	10/11	11/8	12/13	1/10	2/21	3/14	4/11	5/9	6/13
Scott Elliott	X		X	X	X		X				
Dr. Charles Hutchison		X		X	X						
Sam Leder	X	X	X				X				
Tom Anderson	X	X	X	X	X		X				
Curtis Ifill	X	X	X	X	X		X				
Stephanie Cook					X						
Mystica Nelmes	X	X	X	X	X		X				
Donna Harkey	X	X		X	X		X				
Kim Hoyle	X	X	X	X	X		X				
Abby Bottoms	X	X	X	X			X				
Sarah Frankart		X	X	X			X				
PTSO		X	X		X		X				
Nimish Bhatt											
Terri Clay Meadows			X								
Terri Chaney			X								
Melissa Cooler											

Call to Order: 6:45 pm by Scott Elliott

CIS Mission Statement

Sarah Frankart

2nd Grade Service Project

Sarah Frankart, Christina Bunch, Megan Deiwert, Barbara Bacharach

The 2nd grade students went to Frank Liske Park and cleaned up the park. They took the trash they collected and divided it up into recycling items, compost items and trash items. They then decorated paper grocery bags with recycling themes and took them back to Food Lion for them to give out to shoppers.

Introduction of New Staff

Mystica Nelmes, Principal

Mystica Nelmes introduced two new members of the Carolina International School Staff, Rick Policastro, the new 4th grade teacher and Liaisha Wright, the new 6th grade science and technology teacher.

Committee Reports

Finance Report

Curtis Ifill

Reviewed the budget and balance sheet prepared by LB&A. Reviewed the completed 2011 Form 990.

Academic Report

Mystica Nelmes, Principal

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

- Australian teachers visited campus.
- Region 6 tech meeting
- Report cards 2nd 9 weeks
- Job fair at the Hilton
- Liaisha Wright will start March 4, 2013

- Rick Policastro started February 20, 2013
- Kevin Lipp has moved into the Technology Facilitator position.
- Still interviewing for a 5th grade teacher
- New Student Council Dance is scheduled for April 12, 2013
- Carnation sale for student council raised \$350.00
- The computer lab has been updated, come by and see it.
- Inclement weather
- Mid-year PDP's for teachers
- K-2 webinar on Saxon Math
- Threat Suspension through Homeland Security
- Text complexity for the Common Core
- Principal Academy for Common Core
- Lottery March 2, 2013

Donna Harkey, Assistant Principal

Donna Harkey had the following updates:

- AIG webinar in preparation for next school year, plan for July 2013
- Special Ed law conference in Greensboro
- 100th day parade
- Spelling bee
- Webinar for powerschool

Kim Hoyle, Assistant Principal

Kim Hoyle added the following updates:

- Talent Show was Friday February 15, 2013
- McKinney Vinto conference held in Cabarrus County
- Middle/High Exams
- Teachers took webinars for EVAAS and Powerschool
- 3 more teachers have been certified as bus drivers

Staff Report

Sarah Frankart

- **Mrs. Foxworth (4th Grade)** – 4th graders at CIS placed second in an online Math Competition with other schools in Cabarrus County. The site is called Sumdog.com and they have local and national competitions. Not only did we place second overall, but two of my students were in the top ten (Kush Patel and AnnMarie Kamau)! On the national level, we are currently in 46th place among 710 schools from all over the nation. Not bad for a small charter school!
- **Mrs. Remsburg** - The environmental committee has decided to request lesson plans as does the international committee per grade level each month. Teachers will email the lessons to Tammi so they can be uploaded to the live binder. We have 17 confirmed presenters for Earth Day (April 17th) and are working on the plans for Earth Spirit Week and the contests for the students and staff.
- Earth Day 2013 – April 17th
 - Poster Contest and Photo Contest – Due April 10th
 - Recycled Art Classroom Contest – Due April 11th
 - Spirit Week (April 15-19th) – One bag of trash for the entire week
 - Monday – recycled accessories
 - Tuesday – wildlife or habitat t-shirt
 - Wednesday – green shirt for Earth Day
 - Thursday – environmental slogan t-shirt
 - Friday – nature-made or inspired accessories
 - Non-powered toy swap
 - Presenters: outside environmental organizations/companies
- Mr. Greene & Mr. Brown – Want the BOD to consider the gym again before building without one.

PTSO Report

Ryan Brenneman

- Update on fundraisers
- March 3, 2013 Silent Auction
- March 29, 2013 Fun Run
- 2nd bus is here

Old Business

Tom Anderson made a motion to amend the December 8, 2011 board meeting minutes as follows: Under New Business change “there was a motion to accept wording of resolution of intent to reimburse certain capital expenditures if bond issues move forward” to “motion to accept the attached resolution of intent to reimburse certain capital expenditures if bond issue moves forward.” Curtis Ifill seconded. Motion passed.

New Business

A contracted employee spoke to the board regarding her H1-B visa. The current non-profit organization that is sponsoring her will close in 2 months and she needs a new sponsor.

Open Comments - none

Closed Session 7:35pm contract matters

Open Session 9:35 pm

Tom Anderson made a motion to authorize the principal of the school to investigate and implement the visa process, not to exceed \$2,500.00. Sam Leder seconded. Motion passed.

Sam Leder motioned to approve staff contracts. Tom Anderson seconded. Motion passed.

Curtis Ifill motions to adjourn the February meeting. Tom Anderson seconds. Motion is passed.

Adjournment 9:40

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

Signature

Date