

ENVISION SCIENCE ACADEMY
Board of Directors Meeting
Sunday, January 06, 2013, 3:00-5:00 P.M.
5603 Capital Blvd., Raleigh, NC 27616

Attendees:

A. Monica Cutno, Founder
Marla Mills-Wilson, Founder
Portia Scott, Founder
Sonal Krishna
Diego Torres
Ariane Hamm
Mary Chen
Curtis Gingles
John Szwed
Roland Lewis Jr.

A. Monica Cutno opened with a welcome to the first Envision Science Academy board meeting followed by a moment of silence led by Marla Mills-Wilson. Refreshments were served.

Agenda Items:

Introductions – All attendees gave brief summary of background. Contact information was collected from all Board members.

New Directors Orientation – Included overview of charter schools, why we're focusing on STEM, the school's mission & purpose, and tasks completed to date by founders.

Information Form & Resumes – Board Information Form to be completed by all Directors. Must be printed and signed with a one-page resume attached. Forms and resumes will be included in charter application.

Bylaws – Accepted by unanimous vote.

Nominations and Election of Officers:

- President – A. Monica Cutno
- Vice-President – Marla Mills-Wilson
- Secretary – Portia Scott
- Treasurer – Roland Lewis Jr.

Committee – Committee chairs/members were assigned. Sections of the charter application were assigned. Board added an additional committee, Education.

Closing – 6:30 PM

Other Discussion Items:

Community Information Sessions – Assigned representatives for the (3) scheduled sessions (see Follow-up Items); materials needed: fact sheets, surveys, display.

Need to add Personnel nominee to Board; begin recruiting someone with HR experience.

Create questionnaire for current charter school visits; send (2) members per visit.

Set up LEA meetings in Wake, Granville, Franklin counties.

Meeting with Wake Forest Mayor 1/8/13 at 9:30 AM.

Contact Superintendents and set meetings: Bill McNeil, June Atkinson.

Wakefield Living Magazine will do an article on Envision Science Academy in March issue featuring Wakefield family, The Battles.

Educational Plan is large part of application; create framework at meeting on 1/9 @ 6pm at Sonal's house.

Update curriculum design team, recruit more teachers to help, consideration of AIG students.

How to recruit quality teachers; competitive pay; teachers with STEM knowledge.

Why is Wake Forest the targeted location, how many students, targeted population?

Overcrowding of classes, growing population, one charter school currently with long waitlist, not many choices in this area. Targeting general student population in Wake, Franklin and Granville counties.

Bridge loans may be obtained for funding.

Receive state and local funding the first month school opens (Aug 2014) and is based on # of students.

In need of corporate, private, and federal funding.

Partner with museums (Natural Science, Marbles, Life & Science) and universities (NC A&T, NCSU, Duke).

Contact National Science Foundation to request requirements for proposals in funding educational ventures.

Examples of STEM charter schools: STEM Education for a Global Society, Triangle Math & Science, and Research Triangle High School.

Proposed specials for the school: Music, Art, Media, Mandarin, PE.

Positive responses/feedback received from parents & community via email and surveys.

Streamline task prior to application due date 3/1/13, prioritizing education and funding.

Look into using Evernote for sharing files.

Follow-up Items:

Meeting with Vivian Jones, Wake Forest Mayor 1/8/13 – Monica Cutno/Sonal Krishna/Mary Chen

Curriculum Design Team meeting 1/9/13 @ 6pm at Sonal's house – Board Members

North Regional, 1/12/13, 2-3pm – Mary Chen/John Szwed/Monica Cutno

Youngsville, 1/12/13, 5-6pm – Marla Mills-Wilson/Sonal Krishna

North Regional, 1/17/13, 6-7pm – Sonal Krishna/Portia Scott

First rough draft of application sections due 1/18/13 – Board Members

Information Forms from directors due 1/20/13 – Board Members

Next Meeting:

TBA