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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes July 16, 2014

Attendance:

	2014						2015					
	7/16	8/14	9/11	10/9	11/13	12/11	1/8	2/12	3/12	4/16	5/14	6/11
Scott Elliott	X											
Dr. Charles Hutchison	X											
Sam Leder	X											
Tom Anderson	X											
Curtis Ifill												
Rashonda Burkett	X											
Mark Johnson	X											
Sarah Baxter	X											
Donna Harkey	X											
Sally Reynolds	X											
Abby Bottoms	X											
Open – Teacher Rep												
PTSO												

Call to order 6:30

Scott Elliott

CIS Mission Statement

Abby Bottoms

Lacrosse

Mr. Strack & Mr. McCartan

Mr. Strack and Mr. McCartan made a presentation regarding a lacrosse program they would like to start at CIS in exchange for the use of field space. Information about the lacrosse program is attached.

Committee Reports

Secretaries Report

Abby Bottoms

Reviewed the minutes from the June 12, 2014 Board meeting. Scott Elliott made a motion to accept the minutes with noted changes. Tom Anderson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Construction Committee

Tom Anderson

Tom Anderson provided an update on the construction project including the following points:

- Road widening and paving will be done soon.
- The gym area and knee wall are complete.
- TCO should come by middle of August

By-Law Committee

Tom Anderson

The by-law sub-committee has met and broken up into 3 different groups:

1. Will review the current by-laws
2. Will check with other charter schools
3. Will work on standard processes

Director Search Committee

Tom Anderson

The director position has been posted on Teacher-Teacer.com. Application are still being reviewed.

Capital Campaign

Rashonda Burkett

The capital campaign committee is still looking for volunteers. The committee will be meeting tomorrow night to review the school mission. The committee will also start to put together policies and procedures for campaign donations.

Finance Report

Sam Leder

Reviewed the monthly reports prepared by LB&A. Reviewed the ISIS services renewal from the NC Charter School Association.

Administrative Report

Sally Reynolds, Secondary School Principal and Donna Harkey, Elementary School Principal

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

- Revising/updating policies –
 - Staff
 - Student-Parent Handbook
 - BASP
 - Athletic
- Attendance policy proposal.
- Hiring/Preparing for pre-service.

New Business:

Scott Elliott made a motion to accept Sarah Baxter's Board Application. Tom Anderson, seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Rashonda Burkett provided the following transportation update:

Based on her research the two options available, convert our current activity buses to school buses or purchase a new school bus, are not financially feasible and they will not work with our current need for activity buses. For the 14-15 school year transportation will continue to be parent drive and car pools. Rashonda will send transportation resource information to Donna and Sally for them to send to families in the Comet Communication.

Sarah Baxter will review the current sick/personal and vacation leave policies for recommended changes.

Scott Elliott and Tom Anderson commented that the state has voted to repeal Common Core and will replace it with a NC State Standard. We will continue to follow Common Core, until the new state standard is established.

Open Comments:

Cheri Wilhelm – currently has 3 children at CIS, and all three have flourished at CIS because of the dedicated hard working teams of teachers that work with each child. She is concerned with the current teacher retention. She encouraged administration to fill the positions with motivated, energetic people and work hard to retain those employees.

Mr. Porter – has a rising 2nd grader and he had questions about the schools technology plan, and the possibility of getting a copy. Scott Elliott stated that the current tech plan was available for review, and asked Sally Reynolds to forward a copy to Mr. Porter.

Scott Elliott also stated that the Board does not make decisions regarding the hiring and termination of teachers. However, they take teacher turn over seriously. The Board track the turn over information and conducts exit interviews with all employees.

Sam Leder made a motion to go into closed session. Rashonda Burkett seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Closed Session at 8:10 pm

Open Session at 9:05 pm

Tom Anderson made a motion to:

1. Approve the ISIS renewal with the NC Charter School Association.
2. Approve all employment agreements presented by Administration.

Rashonda Burkett seconded, motions passed unanimously.

Tom Anderson made a motion to adjourn, Charles Hutchison seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment 9:07 pm

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

Signature

Date

Lacrosse Dynamics

1. Lacrosse is the runaway fastest growing sport in America, with movement in the Southeast particularly pronounced. Girls and Boys of all ages play.
2. There are currently 103/67 Division I schools with Women's and Men's Varsity programs, respectively; 102/56 at DII; and, 257/215 at DIII. This doesn't include all of the Junior Colleges, Prep Schools, and high-level Club programs.
3. Cabarrus County serves more than 400 youth lacrosse players at any given time. There are only two schools that provide a Varsity opportunity for these children - Cannon School and A.L. Brown - and neither provides an opportunity for Girls.
4. The Concord-Huntersville-Davidson corridor provides the second-largest body of lacrosse players in the Greater Mecklenburg area, many of whom commute to schools in South Charlotte for the opportunity to play scholastic lacrosse.

Carolina Miners Dynamics

1. Within our organization, our players are coached by Women and Men who played at top Collegiate programs at Divisions I, II, III, and JuCo, and the majority of them live in county with school-aged children.
2. We've coached organized lacrosse in this specific area for over 6 seasons, and our players (aged 4 through 18) come from public, private, charter, parochial, and home-school settings.
3. Many of our children are of parents who have transplanted from areas outside of the immediate area, and who are interested in new opportunities for their educations.
4. We have agreements with Odell Recreation for use of (Cox Mill Elementary fields) and with Huntersville Parks and Recreation as a co-sponsored organization.

State / County Dynamics

1. Because of budgetary constraints and state cuts to education, sports are being underfunded and de-funded in traditional public schools.
2. Cabarrus County, specifically, is currently an unfavorable environment for incentives, and many of the only areas that costs can be cut from county spending are under the umbrella of Parks & Rec.