

Governing Board Minutes
Board Retreat
8/17/13

Board Attendees: Karen Antonacio, Robyn Baney, Holly Calabro, Ben Click, Anne Marie Dailey, Robert Hicks , Brent Johnson, Lynda Kovach, Joy McBride, Takiesha Waites-Thierry

Board Members Absent: Denise Breckon, Angela Funya

Committee Attendees: Julia Nichols

Public Attendees: None

Agenda Item	Action
Convened at 9:03 AM	None
Approve July Minutes	Vote Approved 9-0
Introductions	Discussion
New Parent PowerPoint Review (Ben Click)	Discussion
History of CPCS (Julia Nichols)	Discussion
Committee Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Planning (Julia Nichols) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maria Scott, Angela Funya and Julia Nichols had a conference call with Ron and Sheila from Self-Help on Wednesday, August 14, 2013. ○ The Strategic Planning Committee needs to give Self Help information on the building and other tenants, which Rick Tepel is working on getting. They also need an estimate of construction costs we'd have for building out the office space and the dirt room to our needs. ○ After the information is provided to Self Help, they should be able to have their credit committee meeting and let us know if this loan is a possibility for us. Hoping to hear back by 26 August. • Community Committee (Takiesha Waites-Thierry) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Planning to reorganize the community committee ○ Volunteer hours will need to be tracked by this committee ○ People have expressed interest in this committee and we are recruiting new members • Public Relations/Outreach (Lynda Kovach & Julia Nichols) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lynda will be responsible for the Outreach responsibilities on this committee 	Discussion

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There are plans to make contact with all of the local newspapers ○ Local press will be invited to attend the next CPCS lottery to promote more transparency of the lottery ○ The school video remains a priority ○ The CPCS brochure needs to be revamped ○ The Charter News needs to be revamped and distributed twice per year instead of once ○ Provide Project Elective training to volunteers interested in leading electives ○ Family Day of Service (possibly MLK Day) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Want to get staff, students and the community involved ○ Julia Nichols will be responsible for Advocacy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a need to establish a relationship with political staffers • Comprise a list of committees our elected officials sit on • A visit to CPCS by Steny Hoyer is in the works • Fundraising (Robyn Baney) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maria Scott is stepping down as the Fundraising Chair next year ○ Fall Walk is 27 September, information will go out soon ○ A fundraising dates calendar is in the works ○ Jen Carroll is still heading up Spirit Nights ○ Selling Scripps online is being researched • Financial Committee Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Anne Marie Dailey (Treasurer) ○ Bob Hicks (Back Up Treasurer) ○ Fundraising Chair ○ Governing Board Chair 	
<p>Housekeeping Paperwork</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memorandum of Understanding • Conflict of Interest • Alliance Membership • Committee Sign-Ups 	Sign Forms
<p>National Charter School Conference Report (Lynda Kovach & Julia Nichols)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The National charter School Conference was held in Washington. D.C. from 30 June-3 July 2013 at the Washington Convention Center. • Lynda Kovach attended the Governance sessions and Julia Nichols attended the Advocacy sessions. • Both reviewed the session they attended in detail. 	Discussion

Testing and Accountability (Karen Antonacio)

Discussion

- This year most kids will continue to take the MSA and those taking the PARCC will be notified.
- **Common Core Standards (CCCS)**
 - There will be a shift in instructional intent from high school completion to college and career readiness for every student.
 - The CCCS will emphasize application and higher-order thinking skills.
 - When the standards are fully implemented, educators will see that each grade covers fewer topics, but teaches the content in much greater depth.
 - The coherent progression of the CCCS will demand increased vertical articulation in K-12.
- **2013 Standardized Testing**
 - **MSA Grades 3-8**
 - **Reading**
 - 54% 115/212 (Advanced), 38% 82/212 (Proficient), 7% 15/212 (Basic)
 - Subgroups: Lowest in Special Ed
 - 5th and 6th grades scored highest in Advanced level with 5th scoring 100% in Proficient and Advanced
 - Scored higher overall compared to county and state
 - **Math**
 - 42% 89/212 (Advanced), 45% 97/212 (Proficient), 12% 26/212 (Basic)
 - Subgroups: Lowest in Special Ed
 - 4th grade scoring highest number of advanced students at 71%
 - 4th grade scoring highest overall in Advanced and Proficient
 - Scored higher overall compared to county and state
 - **Grades 5 and 8**
 - **Science**
 - 15% 9/57 (Advanced), 63% 36/57 (Proficient), 21% 12/57 (Basic)
 - Not enough students to compare to subgroups
 - **HSA**
 - **Algebra**
 - Grades 7 and 8 (approximately 13 students)

all Passed with Proficient or Advanced scores	
<p>Director’s Report Prepared by Education Director (Karen Antonacio)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There is a new website/email loop that began on 7 August. The rollover did not encompass all the changes that were made. Work is being done to ensure the new system is learned and the information is accurate. ○ Email loops have been created and email communication will go out from the school and teachers directly. ○ School calendar will be kept through Google calendar on the website. Updates will be done by the new school secretary Pam. • School Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ School opening went smoothly. Kinks are still being worked out with transportation, but overall things are running smoothly. • Staff/Students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New Social Studies teacher and Secretary are in place and CPCS is fully staffed ○ Two spaces are still available for students. Final invitations will be made next week. ○ Back to School Night is 22 August for K-5 and 27 August for middle school • Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ FY14 budget remains the same • Uniform Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Staff has been asked to read and make clarifications to the uniform policy. It will be reviewed and presented at the next meeting 	Discussion
<p>2013-2014 Alliance Board Calendar and Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lowered fundraising goal to \$65,000 from \$75,000 	Vote Approved 9-0
<p>Treasurers’ Financial Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed August Financial Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$1864 has been fundraised so far • Reviewed the FY14 approved budget • Discussed sending at least one Board member to the National Charter School Network Conference in Las Vegas, NV 	Discussion
<p>Action Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Scrips being purchased online (Ben Click) • Review Uniform Policy (Ange Funya) • Check to see if CPCS can get into the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) book (Brent Johnson) 	Discussion
September Meeting Date	Discussion

10 September at 5:30	
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