



InspireNOLA Charter Schools
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
November 1, 2016

The regular monthly meeting for the Board of Directors of InspireNOLA Charter Schools was held on the 1st day of November at 5:30PM at Andrew Wilson with the following members in attendance and participating: Stephen J. Boyard, Jr., Joseph Ridolfo, Wayne Crochet, Shawn Rogers and MaryJo Roberts. Absent were Angelle Cresswell and Jay Daniels. Staff present were Jamar McKneely, Charlie Mackles, and Wylene Sorapuru.

The meeting was called to order at 5:42 pm and the following matters were discussed or acted upon:

1. Adoption of Consent Agenda:

Adoption of the Consent Agenda includes attached proposed minutes for the regular July Board meeting which was held on July 25, 2016. Minutes were distributed prior to the meeting via email by Jay Daniels. In addition, The Academic Excellence/Strategic Planning and Finance Committee Report were included in the Consent Agenda. All documents and attachments related to each committee report are available in meeting archives. Motion to accept all items by M. Roberts seconded by S. Boyard. Motion was passed unanimously.

2. Strategic Committee Report:

Items discussed and reported by Wylene Sorapuru include – Quarter 1 Assessments have ended. Data is being analyzed and will be reported out at the next meeting. The NSNO school reviews have been completed with feedback being reviewed at school location. The Cultural Fair took place at Andrew Wilson. Wilson currently serves approximately 108 ESL students. A new teacher residency program in collaboration with Xavier University is currently in the works.

3. Finance Committee Report:

Items discussed and reported by Charlie Mackles include – The CSP grant was awarded to InspireNOLA for \$4,000,000 for the expansion of five new schools. The term of the award is five years allocated at \$800,000 for each school. An update on the Edna Karr roof project was presented as well as an overview on new transportation initiatives. The annual external audit was discussed. InspireNOLA received an unmodified opinion. The opening on a bank account for Liberty Bank was discussed. The benefit of allocating resources among community banks was discussed.

a. One item up for approval

Bank Account Opening

The Board of Directors authorized the opening of a new bank account with Liberty Bank. This account will be authorized for an initial balance transfer of \$4,000,000 currently held in the checking account of First NBC. Motion to open the new account by S. Boyard seconded by J. Ridolfo. Motion was passed unanimously.

4. CEO Report:

Items discussed and reported by Jamar McKneely include – School calendar update. The annual InspireNOLA goals were reviewed. The Gala income statement and strategies were discussed. The Achievement celebration and Rally for Excellence were discussed. Mr. McKneely and Dr. Sorapuru attended



the CSGF annual conference in California. The Board extended congratulations to Mr. McKneely and staff on the Rally to Excellence program.

5. Governance Committee Report:

Items discussed and reported by Wayne Crochet include – The open board seats were discussed in detail. The interview process was discussed. Two members applied and were interviewed on October 11th. The committee recommended both interview applicants be accepted.

a. One item up for approval

Open Board Seats

The Board of Directors offered the two open board seats to James Dabney and Dana Wade. Mr. Dabney's field of expertise is academics. Ms. Wade is a parent representative for Andrew Wilson. Motion to accept both members by S. Boyard seconded by W. Crochet. Motion was passed unanimously.

6. New Business

The Board of Directors received an inquiry letter from the Broadmoor Improvement Association regarding open board seats. Mr. Crochet was given the task of responding.

There being no further business, W. Crochet made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by S. Rogers. Motion was passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:33pm.