

## InspireNOLA Charter School

### Minutes of Board Meeting

The regular meeting for the Board of Directors of InspireNOLA Charter Schools was held on Monday, August 29. Six board members were present at the meeting (Wayne Crochet, Shawn Rogers, Stephen Boyard, Joe Ridolofa, Mary Jo Roberts and Angelle Cresswell). Also in attendance were CEO Jamar McKneely, CFO Charlie Mackles and CAO Wylene Sorapuru.

Meeting began at 5:35 p.m. with board introductions.

#### Consent Agenda

- All reports were sent out in advance
- Motion to accept the agenda was made by Rogers and seconded by Roberts
- All in favor, no opposition
- Consent agenda accepted

#### Boyard – Strategic Updates

- State of the school report attached
- Academic committee
  - o Great academic improvement at both Wilson and Harte
  - o Sorapuru congratulated leaders at both schools for their hard work and gains made
  - o Sorapuru concluded her report

#### Rogers – Finance Committee

- Charlie Mackles – year in review
- 79% of all funds come from MFP
- The remainder came from grants and fundraising.
- Reviewed fund balance - 9.7 million carried over to next school year
- Went through detail budget and variances report, which is attached
- Schools receiving different funding than expected, should not have a major effect on the organization

#### Roberts – Legal Committee

- No updates from legal committee
- Bylaws revision on the back burner for now

#### CEO report – Jamar McKneely

- Introduction of school leadership
- Harte leadership team all present
- Wilson leadership team all present
- Karr leadership team all present
- No questions

Unity Breakfast – Sept 7

Rally for excellence hosting Trayvon Martin's mother – Sept 22 and 23

Annual Gala – Oct. 20

- Board Members Mary Jo and Creswell are Co-Chairs for the Gala
- Karr received \$5,000 from Alon Shanya and the Hospitality and Tourism Foundation for the culinary program
- Introduction of two members of the central office staff, Kevin Barnes (Senior Manager of Community Engagement and Special Projects) and Scott Gloden (Program Manager)
- Sept 9 – Karr and Landry Walker Football Game

Reaching new heights – state of school report (attached)

Review of the goals of InspireNOLA

Ridolfo – ELA scores question

- McKneely – getting them back to the base line from previous years

McKneely each school reaching level to get to where we want to be academically

- Outperforming other schools and district

Boyard and Ridolfo

- Would like to hear from HOS

Hill (Harte) everything we are doing is doing based on data from previous year

- Proud of what was done last year and this year want to do better

Green (Wilson)

- Excited about a lot of growth and with AP's we know where we will have a lot to do
- Improving community with parents
- Students are good and are excited about their gains

Clay (Karr)

- Happy about where we were
- In fifth year saw a lot of gains and SPS will be very revealing
- Looking at data, there are some areas that we know we need to work on
- Next year we know they will knock it out of the park

Crockett

- Hypolite mom was on founding board
- Budget is on schedule
- Non-summer months the board will meet every other month
- Meetings will be the last Monday of the month and location will rotate at the schools

## Other Updates

- Harte – Sept 15 family night at city park tickets are 10 dollars

Sorapuru encouraged board members to continue to support schools and to schedule tours and visits of all of our schools

Cresewel moved to adjourn the meeting and Roberts seconded it.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.