

Meeting Minutes for December 4th

Renaissance Collegiate Academy-Board Meeting Tuesday, December 4th, 2018

7:00pm

Location: Agape Worship Center, International, 424 Lee Road, Columbia SC 29229

Commencement Time: 7pm

1.Meeting Opening

- 1.1 Welcome
- 1.2 Roll Call
- 1.3 Previous Minutes
- 1.4 Introduction of **Ms. Patti Rubenzer**-Sharing on the SC Charter School Alliance
- 1.5 Introduction of **Hunter Schimpff**-Sharing on the SC Public Charter School District

- Mr. Stephen Gilchrist called the meeting to order. Mr. Harmon announced that the meeting would be voice recorded so that an auditory record of the minutes would also be available.
- **Planning Committee members in attendance** were Stephen Gilchrist, Hugh Harmon, Arthar Bush, Tracey Tucker, Veronica Reynolds, Lashandra Hubbard, Angelena McFadden, and Ms. Declouet-Smith was present via the phone.
- **Public visitors at the meeting included:** Bishop V. Collins, Peter Oraekweotu, Ms. Patti Rubenzer (SC Charter School Alliance), Hunter Schimpff (SCPCSD), Pete Stewart (Contracted Architect).
- Previous minutes meetings were approved as submitted by quorum vote.
- Guests were asked to share right at the outset of the meeting concerning their reason for making us a special visit. Mr. Hunter Schimpff from SCPSCD, and Ms. Patti Rubenzer from SC Charter School Alliance presented.
- Ms. Patti Rubenzer presented on her role at the Charter School Alliance, and as the Director of New School Development what she could offer us as a trainer and consultant for Charter Schools.
- Mr. Hunter Schimpff shared on the progress of the Charter development process from the district level down and the situation with the SC New Schools Fellowship program.

2. Matters of Decision

2.1 Negotiated Services from Richland School District 2

- Discussed possibilities of making a reach to Richland School District 2 for the reason of developing a partnership with them concerning what they may be open to offering in terms of negotiated services for the charter school. We have begun drafting a letter to the Superintendent and his staff, in particular Mr. Will Anderson, the Chief Operating Officer soliciting him to come to a followup Planning Committee meeting so that they can see where we are the charter development process and to discuss the possibilities of partnering with them for negotiated services. Ideas discussed included...
 1. Arts Program-where they would share an art teacher with us to ensure that our students receive that kind of enrichment.
 2. Transportation

3. School Meals Services
4. Contracted Nursing Services
5. Contracted Special Education Services

3. Matters for Discussion

3.1 Update on School Facilities Site Visit and Meeting-November 30, @ 1pm

-Office of School Facilities/Department of Transportation

3.2 Feedback from the Board on the Website

3.3 Review of the Information gathered at SC Charter School Alliance Conference

3.4 Key developments toward opening...

a. Board Handbook

b. Curriculum Scope and Sequence Development

3.5 Fundraising Plan

- Pete Stewart-An Architect contracted by the Charter School Planning Committee to quarterback for us with the OSF, DOT process to get the facilities approval for the charter school. He discussed the outcome of the meeting that was had with Office of School Facilities and the Department of Transportation about what RCA has to do with regard to the process of getting our site reviewed. He explained that the meeting was a success and the process although different may be more efficient. He has begun the process with OSF and will report with their official decision in early January.
- We discussed the website and the need for parents to register online and the user-friendly capacity of the website. Great community feedback of the website and on the protocols that are built-in to track those that are visiting the website.
- Discussion then moved to talking about the SC Charter School Alliance Conference which was attended by Hugh Harmon-Executive Director, Arthur Bush-Planning Committee Member, and Peter Oraekweotu-Contracted Marketer (Intern).
- We have begun development of the Board Handbook compiled by Glenice Saddler, and we talked about the fact that each board member now has a folder to which they will add pertinent documents for continuous reference going forward; we also discussed the progress of Schermco LLC Developments work on aligning the curriculum scope and sequence for Core Knowledge and the SC College and Career Ready Standards.
- Discussed the need for the Planning Committee to put their thinking hats on concerning an aggressive fundraising campaign to supplement the per pupil student funding that will be used as the base of the budget for the school. We hope to raise enough funds to beef up what we can offer in terms of curriculum and academic supplementation and resources to ensure that our students receive more than enough assets to affect academic achievement. Stephen Gilchrist mentioned that contact has been made by Coca Cola with regard to their initiative of funding and supplementing education in the local community. We are a tax-exempt 501C3 organization

officially so that can help with your negotiations with business owners concerning contributing to the school.

4. Matters for Noting

4.1 Classroom Furniture to be procured and put in storage (from a school that closed recently)

We discussed how a connection was made with a group who actually dissolved their charter and had some classroom furniture and other implements in place that they were willing to donate to Renaissance Collegiate Academy. Hugh Harmon, along with a few volunteers would be traveling to Charleston in the following week with a UHAUL truck to pick up the furniture and deliver back to storage on the campus of the Agape Church in the house that will tentatively serve as the Teacher Work Room.

5. Meeting Finalization

5.1 Review actions to be taken

5.2 Next meeting

5.3 Meeting close