

Meeting Agenda

Renaissance Collegiate Academy-Board Meeting Monday, October 29th, 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 Ratify minutes from Sept. meeting

Mr. Gilchrist opened the meeting. Meeting opened with a discussion of posting a sign on the outside that states the future site of Renaissance Collegiate Academy. Discussed having a Renaissance Collegiate Academy Foundation to consider the collection of private funds.

2. Matters of Decision

- 2.1 Update for Board Retreat-Training
- 2.2 Determine the next official Board Meeting

3. Matters for Discussion

- 3.1 Presentation by E-Vision Project Development on Website Design/Marketing Plan

IT Project Development company based in Spartanburg/Greenville area. They presented all the capacity of the company from website design to security cameras, and data collection capacity. Described the website and how it is designed to engage the public that is needed to enroll and grow interest in the school. The security protocols on the website. Set up school calendars for everyone to access and manage the information. Site will have live footage, podcasts, etc.

- 3.2 Photos and videos for upload on website
- 3.3 Distribute and discuss Marketing/Recruitment Flyers

4. Meeting Finalization

- 4.1 Review actions to be taken
- 4.2 Next meeting
- 4.3 Meeting close

**30-Second Scripts for Board videos tonight:
Script #1**

Renaissance Collegiate Academy is a school that has the community in mind. The vision and mission of this charter school is to create a high-quality teaching and learning environment that gives scholars the tools, and the mindset to be successful in highly competitive high schools and colleges. We understand that this takes hard work, and the "village approach". This is why parents were integral early on in the grassroots effort to get this school established. We look forward to continuously engaging parents in the governance, and the day-to-day work of aiding and assisting our scholars to success.

Script #2

I became a part of the Renaissance Founding committee because as a parent and resident of the Northeast I thought that the options available to parents for schools' of excellence were limited. The magnet programs available in the district were limited in seats and had an overabundance of scholars on waiting lists. Being able to offer parents a public-school option that is free, and offers the kind of quality of education that rivals the best magnet programs to all students regardless of their socio-economic status is essential and can have a profound effect on the community at large.

Script #3

Why should a parent consider enrolling their child at Renaissance Collegiate Academy?

Well, we believe that Renaissance offers a number of features that sets it apart from its traditional district peers. We are committed to small class sizes and a balanced teacher to student ratio with a highly-qualified certified teacher in each class and a supporting teaching assistant. We believe that more time on task is essential, so we have a flexible extended day schedule that takes into mind that scholars need brain breaks and educators need adequate planning time. We are dedicated to hiring a culturally diverse staff and to have ongoing cultural sensitivity

training offered by our colleagues from schools of education of our local colleges. And most importantly we have intentionally sought to design a school climate that instills a desire for scholars to go to college--through college themed classrooms, a college house system, and a college prep learning approach.

Script #4

When we sat down and brainstormed the kind of educators that we believe would make the Renaissance Collegiate Academy become the history making institution that we anticipate it will be; we agreed that the ideal teacher candidate would be knowledgeable, experienced, with strong literacy skills, strives for high standards and excellence, collaborates well with peers, is open to non-traditional work schedules, works well with parents, and believes that all students can learn.

Script #5

Renaissance Collegiate Academy is a K thru 8, classic education, college preparatory public charter school. K thru 8 is the model of amalgamating elementary and middle school and this is because we've heard so much about the difficulty of transition that students incur as they move from one school to a completely different other one and the challenges that comes with them having to re-socialize themselves to new expectations, procedures and responsibilities. We believe that making a school K thru 8 creates a seamless transition for many students and does not require a restart in terms of what is expected of them.

Script #6

Classic education is about revisiting a three-part process of training the mind. The early years of school are spent in

absorbing facts, systematically laying the foundations for advanced study, and in the middle grades, students learn to think through arguments. Then in the high school years, they learn to express themselves. In the early years, we build on what is called the grammar stage—where scholars build a bank of knowledge in terms of language acquisition, number sense, stories of history, literature and descriptions of plants and animals. By fifth grade they are then taught to take this foundation of knowledge and develop their skills of analysis and argumentation which forms the backbone of collegiate level academic pursuit.