

Renaissance Collegiate Academy

Charter School Board Meeting

February 5th, 2018

AGENDA

-Welcome

- **Attendance roll was taken-Stephen Gilchrist, Hugh Harmon, Arthar Bush, Veronica Reynolds, Ms. L. Declouetsmith, Lashandra Hubbard, Rita Artemus, Dr. Regina Wragg, Lynne Ladue, Tracey Tucker, Glenice Saddler, Keith Alexander, Angelena McFadden, Glen Jones, Dr. Walter Curry**
- **Meeting was called to order by the Committee Organizer-Stephen Gilchrist**

-Ratification of last meeting minutes

- **Committee briefly discussed the minutes from the January 22nd meeting concerning our intentions to explore the application process for a charter school. We discussed the fact that SCPSCD Superintendent Elliott Smalley and another District Rep had attended a meeting with the Committee Organizer Stephen Gilchrist and with some of the others in the committee, Hugh Harmon, and Keith Alexander to talk about the concerns and the interest of the group in applying for a charter through SCPSCD.**

-Introduction of Board Members

- **Each committee member briefly introduced themselves and discussed their professional backgrounds and how they became interested in this project and where they saw themselves fitting into the move towards applying for a charter.**
- **It is a diverse group reflecting Educators, Corporate Executives, Higher Education Administrators and even retired School Administrators**
- **Some parties had been involved in the school choice movement for quite some time in the state and felt that going the SCPSCD route to chartering was a better and more feasible option than the local school district because of some level of resistance to creating alternative options to the standard public school options.**

-Introduction of Guest

- **Elliott Smalley, and another staff member from the SCPSCD attended the meeting to share.**

- **We had a few special guests that spoke on what a charter school was and how that option may be of value to the group. They also spoke on the pluses and minuses of being authorized via the SC PSCD vs. Richland School District Two.**

-Overview of Training

- **The guests were dismissed after this brief presentation and the committee was informed about the tentative timelines that must be considered in attempting to execute a charter application, as well as being informed about furnishing the district with a letter of intent concerning going ahead and starting a charter application for the immediate subsequent academic year or for the following year.**

A) Board Policy and Procedures

- **Ms. Glenice Saddler, and Mr. Stephen Gilchrist then led a discussion on the concept of the development of board policies and procedures that would solidify roles on the charter school board going forward. We discussed organizational policies and procedures as well as governance concerns and how that would look in the charter space.**

B) Charter Committees

- **We discussed implementing and asking for volunteers to serve on working committees that would play a vital role in the charter application process—**
- **Human Resources**
- **Curriculum Development**
- **Student Recruitment**
- **Teacher Evaluation**
- **Marketing**
- **Fundraising**
- **Community Buy-in**
- **Political Action Committee**

C) Understanding a Charter School Budget

- **A sample copy of a charter school budget was furnished on an overhead projector for each person in the meeting to see collectively the things that should be considered in financing a school.**
- **We talked also about the formula for per pupil funding and how much on average a charter school could expect being authorized through the statewide charter school district vs. being authorized by the local school district.**

TRAINING ACTIVITIES-

Review of Board Policy Docs

- **Ms. Saddler and Mr. Gilchrist who have worked previously with charter schools management and organization led this phase of the meeting as the committee was broken into small groups and tasked with reviewing one portion of the sample budget provided.**
- **It was ran as a Q and A segment as the committee dug down into what the charter school law dictated in SC compared to what was indicated in the sample documents presented.**

Budget Review

-Scheduling of Next Training

- **Next training was scheduled for April 9th**

-Closure of Meeting

- **Meeting was adjourned by Mr. Stephen Gilchrist**