

MINUTES FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Riverview Charter School
October 25, 2018, 6:00 pm or following school play, Conference Room
81 Savannah Highway, Beaufort, S.C. 29906

Mission: Riverview Charter School’s mission is to create a small, diverse learning community that actively engages students in meaningful and innovative learning experiences. Emphasizing “learning by doing,” family and community involvement, and engaged citizenship, Riverview is committed to nurturing the whole child and preparing each student for a global society.

Members Present: Jim White, Aby Bandoh, Gayle Carroll, Cathy Hoogenboom, Denise Jones, Mary Jordan Lampesis, , Arthur O’Kelley, John Troutman

Leadership Present: Alison Thomas, Donna Haram, A.K.Harper

Call to Order: At 6: 48 the meeting was called to order

Public Session

- Approval of the Agenda-Mary Jordan Lampesis moved to approve the proposed agenda and the motion was seconded by John Troutman and passed by the group.
- Statement of Compliance with Freedom of Information Act- It was announced that the planned meeting was held in compliance with FOIA
- Public Comments to the Board (3 minutes per speaker)- No one present to request the right to comment.

Finance Committee

- Monthly Financial report was provided by Cathy Hoogenboom. Her summary included that the school is favorable on budgeted expenditures. Funding at this time is under budgeted, but expect to receive more funding when the 45 day count is reported based on what has been projected. Positives pointed out included: the amount of state funding because of retirement credit and local funding even though supplies will impact. Some differences believed to be temporary included food services (affected by hurricane waste and payroll in July). Accounts Receivable issues include WordWare and Jack Rabbit. Tidewatch, Personnel, and Contracted Services were pointed out as favorable. Question was raised about the status of the AC/Heat working. Not able to verify, but appears to be working to meet needs of the occupants in the impacted Middle School building.

People and Programs Committee

- Board Recruitment Update- An informational meeting like one held in the fall during the past years was suggested by Alison to encourage participation. The date selected was **November 7 at 5:30**. It was agreed on by the group and will be held in the Middle School commons. Aby Bandoh asked for a review of the requirements. They were listed as: S.C. resident, not a convicted felon, and not an employee of Beaufort County School district. John Troutman and Jim White have suggestions and it was brought to the group that former members Lamarr Cooler and Reece Berthoff are possibly interested in serving again on the Board. It was recommended that the Committee keep the same timeline from last year to complete the process by the new year.
- Director Evaluation- The committee had nothing to report at this time.

Director’s Report - Alison Thomas

- The 45 Day Headcount is October 31. A report will go in after being audited and funding should be reconciled in the December check and through April. May and June funding will be based on the 135 Headcount.

There are four vacancies in grade 8 and if not filled will impact funding; at the present there are 461 total in RCS not capacity of 465; applicants will be accepted from anyone interested.

- Read-a-Thon was a huge success with \$22,205.00 raised. There were 18 students recognized for money raised or pages read. One family with three children raised over \$1100.00.
- Capstone Field Trip Update revealed that there are 39 who have signed up for the trip to Costa Rica. There are 20 going one week and 19 the other week. The other grade trip updates will be provided at a later time.
- SCPASS Scores (May 2018, Science and Social Studies) were provided.

A challenge is that it has been taken over last decade, but changes in which grades take what content makes it difficult to do longitudinal study. YET our students and staff are doing an amazing job at RCS. Since 2010 in Science RCS has been tracking the same cohort even though different standards are being tested. Teachers tend to analyze it by their grade level, but LT looks at the data longitudinally. The study shows that at RCS the mean has more than doubled.

Points of interest:

- Dr. Berg made a school visit on Monday which allowed time for interaction. He showed an interest in the school and stated his intention to return for another visit and learn more about RCS. He voiced his appreciation for receiving agendas of our meetings and would like to attend some night.
- Several candidates for school board have visited the school and asked questions and others are scheduled to attend. Mrs. Thomas expressed to them our desire to be on any future referendum. It was felt that a positive relationship is being further established.
- The groundwork has been set for renewal of our charter. The application is due 120 days before expiration. The goal is to turn in the application by the last week of January. A template is being used for this application process. The preliminary documents in the areas where changes are anticipated will be brought to the Board for approval.
- November 8 is Portfolio Night.
- The 10th Annual Empty Bowls will be held on November 9. One hour time slots during the day will be filled and all were encouraged to be involved.
- BTR sign-ups are now available.

Denise Jones asked about RCS participation in the Christmas Parade/MLK Day.

Executive Session

Adjourn

A reminder of the November 7 informational meeting for those seeking applications for the upcoming Board slate and the scheduled board meeting on November 15 at 6:00 p.m.

John Troutman moved to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Arthur O'Kelley. The motion was passed by group.