

**Central Falls School District  
Board of Trustees  
Minutes**

**January 08, 2008**

**I. Call to Order:**

**Chairperson, Mrs. Anna Cano-Morales called the Central Falls School District Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.**

**Present were: Ms. Anna Cano Morales- Chair Women**

**Ms. Mary Lou Perez, clerk**

**Ms. Sonia Rodrigues**

**: Mr. Vladimir Ibarra**

**Ms. Leslie Estrada**

**Not present - with excuse: Ms. Ana Cecilia Rosado**

**Mr. David Cruise**

**II. Pledge**

**III. Recognition:**

**a. Nurses – Extraordinary Services**

**Ms. Cano-Morales said that the Board already had the nurses on the agenda for recognition, but considering the current involvement with the Department of Health, the CF nurses deserve this and additional kudos for their continuous and extraordinary service to the children and families of Central Falls. Each nurse goes the extra mile for the children in CF, from arranging eye care and even glasses, to dental appointments and immunizations. Ms. Cano-Morales also mentioned that schedules and TB tests were administered to juniors and seniors at the high school. Ms. Cano-Morales and the Board of Trustees are proud of the professionalism of the nurses evidenced daily and especially proud to have been a significant part of the work of the Department of Health.**

**The following nurses from the Central Falls School District received recognition for their wonderful job and dedication that they offer to all the students in Central Falls:**

**Marie Grist – Head Nurse**

**Marie Labossoniere**

**Robin O’Neill**

**Alberta Procaccini**

**Joanne Roberts**

**Jennifer White**

**Deb Woods**

**LensCrafters**

**b. LensCrafters Eye Care**

**Ms. Cano-Morales and the Board of Trustees thanked LensCrafters for the generous “gift of sight” to the students in the Central Falls School District. Seventeen children of all ages were given vision exams. Fourteen kids received eyeglasses that day and four of those kids have been referred for more involved examinations. Ms. Cano-Morales said that it was heartwarming to learn about the LensCrafter’s work with CF children and CF staff and that the kind of corporate citizenship is a model that other should aspire to.**

**c. Liz Legault and her faculty staff for their Christmas dinner for C.F. families which served 650 on 12/17/07.**

**Ms. Cano-Morales and the Board of Trustees thank Ms. Liz Legault and her staff for their delightful holiday dinner and undergarment giveaway. At this dinner more than 650 people were served. Ms. Legault thanked Aramark and their staff for providing all the food at no cost to the district.**

## **VI. Policy and Planning:**

### **a. Middle School Informational Presentation**

**Ms. Cano-Morales said that after a short visit to Calcutt, she suggested to the Trustees that they would all benefit from a presentation about the middle school. Dr. Gallo suggested that the Trustees hear from all of CF schools.**

**Ms. Legault did a PowerPoint presentation on Calcutt and Calcutt Too.**



**Ms. Rodrigues questioned Ms. Legault about the transition from Calcutt to the high school.**

**Ms. Legault and Dr. Andrade said that the communication between Calcutt and the high school is much better and before school year ends, the high school will know which students will be attending the high school and before school start they will have their schedule ready for those students.**

## **V. Consent Agenda**

**Ms. Cano Morales asked for a motion to approve the minutes of December 11, 2007, as well**

**as, routine personnel action, resignations, rescissions and other routine matters. Ms. Sonia**

**Rodrigues made a motion to approve the minutes of December 11, 2007, routine personnel**

**action, resignations, rescissions and routine matters. The motion was second by Ms. Mary**

**Lou Perez and unanimously approved by the Board 5-0.**

## **VI. Superintendent's Report**

### **a. New Grant Updates**

**Dr. Gallo had good news. Dr. Gallo mentioned that they have been working on the high school design grant and it is moving along, they continue to meet, and have a lot of things in place. They now have the Oversight Council Membership with representations from Dr. Cliff**

**Boyle from Johnson and Wales, Roger Eldrige from Rhode Island College , Naglaa Gaafar from Community College of Rhode Island, Denise Jenkins from The Rhode Island Foundation, and Ron DiOrio from University of Rhode Island. Also Dr. Gallo received a letter from the Rhode Island Foundation to support the URI/Central Falls Partnership. This grant provides funding for the Family and Community Engagement Center, the Academic Enhancement Center, and transitions through Arts Literacy Program. Dr. Gallo also said that the Central Office administrators, school leaders, teachers, and School Improvement Team will be doing some training in Literacy and Numeracy.**

**Summer School: Students from CF and Johnson and Wales will be participating in the Summer School Program. Letters to parents went out already.**

#### **b. Education Summit Updates**

**Education Summit will be on January 25, 2008. Postcards have been sent. The District is following up with a letter and a response card.**

**c. School Highlights: Ms. Edda Carmadello will be doing a presentation on Captain Hunt at the next Board meeting.**

#### **VII. Public Comments:**

**None**

**VIII. Next Board Meeting:**

**February 11, 2008.**

**XI. School Board Comments**

**Dianna Camputaro informed Ms. Cano-Morales that the Multi-Arts Program will be performing on Thursday, January 17th at the High School Auditorium at 6:00 p.m.**

**Ms. Cano-Morales informed the Trustees that they need to appoint a vice-chair person.**

**She will be accepting nominations from now until the next Board meeting.**

**X. Executive Session and Adjournment of public session:**

**A motion to adjourn the meeting and move into Executive Session pursuant to Chapter 42-46-5**

**(a) 1&2 of the Rhode Island General Laws. (Personnel) (Collective Bargaining) (Grievance)**

**(Litigation) was made by Ms. Mary Lou Perez and seconded by Ms. Sonia Rodrigues. A roll**

**call vote was taken and so it was voted to 5-0 in favor of the motion.**

**The meeting was**

**adjourned at 7:20 p.m.**