

Central Falls School District Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 12, 2013

6 PM Ella Risk Lower Level Meeting Room

I. Call to Order and Roll Call- Chair Anna Cano Morales opened the meeting at 6:03 PM. Present were Anna Cano Morales, Ana Cecilia Rosado, Stephanie Gonzalez, Hugo Figueroa, and Carlos Tobon. Sonia Grace arrived at 6:06 PM. Diosa Martinez was absent.

II. Pledge

III. Approval of the meeting minutes- A motion to approve the minutes of October 22, 2013 was made by Ms. Rosado, seconded by Ms. Gonzalez. Motion carried with one recusal. (5,0,1)

IV. Approval of bills – A motion to approve the payment of facility bills was made by Ms. Gonzalez, seconded by Ms. Rosado. Ms. Dykeman explained that all bills continue to be reviewed on a bi-weekly basis by Ms. Grace and that no unusual bills were included. Motion carried. (6,0)

V. Approval of personnel actions including any new appointments, rescissions, resignations, recalls, and retirements – Chair Cano Morales noted for the record there was one new appointment, Katelyn Maigret. A motion to approve the appointment was made by Ms. Grace, seconded by Mr. Figueroa. Motion carried. (6,0)

VI. Open Discussion: Community Education around the Common

Core

Dr. Gallo led the discussion by sharing a prepared PowerPoint presentation explaining the shift to the Common Core and how that shift impacts teaching and learning. Noting that the material was already translated into Spanish and Creole, Dr. Gallo stated that a series of Open Forums are planned to bring this information to the community. On the Tables were exquisite samples of non-fiction books which each classroom at the elementary level enjoys. The emphasis of the material stressed a more balanced diet of non-fiction and fiction reading, deeper math problem solving expectations and critical thinking that students learn to translate into their writing. The discussion was rich and inviting.

VII. Superintendent Comment-- Dr. Gallo reported the enrollment at 2715. She explained the need for support for the Capital Good Fund in order to offer financial literacy skills to the Central Falls community. Dr. Gallo shared the details of the November 23rd session at Rhode Island College in Alger Hall 110 where CF and RIC education community members would gather to continue the strategic planning of the partnership Innovation Lab. Mr. Capellan shared a promotional video about the high school transformation. The video was moving exciting everyone to forge ahead with best practices and innovation ideas. Together, Mr. Capellan and Dr. Gallo shared observations about the recently completed NEASC visit once again proudly supporting the work of the teachers, students, and parents along with administrators at the high school.

VIII. Board Comments-none

IX. Public Comments- none

X. Next Scheduled Meeting: November 26, 2013

XI. Adjournment – At 7:25 PM a motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Gonzalez, seconded by Ms. Rosado.