

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

May 6, 2015

SHEILA “Skip” NOWELL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sheila “Skip” Nowell Leadership Academy was held on

May 6, 2015 at Sheila “Skip” Nowell Leadership Academy, 43 Hawes Street, Central Falls, RI. Co-Chair Deborah Perry welcomed everyone, declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

Present: Deborah Perry, Gigi Dibello, Misty Delgado, Susan Gershkoff, Beata Nelken, Deirdre Denning Norton, William Walter, Nancy Wilson and Jodi LaFauci.

Absent: Michele Cinquegrano, Joseph DiMartino, Suzanne Magaziner, Patricia Flanagan, Stephanie Gonzalez, Toby Simon, and Clarice LaVerne Thompson.

1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

Deborah Perry requested a motion to accept the agenda.

On a motion duly made by Nancy Wilson and seconded by Deirdre Denning Norton

it was

VOTED: That the Sheila Skip Nowell Leadership Academy accept the agenda for the meeting of May 6, 2015.

Vote: 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the

negative as follows:

YEAS: Gigi Dibello, Misty Delgado, Susan Gershkoff, Beata Nelken, Deirdre Denning Norton, William Walter and Nancy Wilson.

NAYS: 0

2. OPEN FORUM

Co-Chair Perry explained to the audience that the Board of Directors will allow for public comment, limited to two minutes per person and beginning with comments pertaining to approval items on tonight's meeting agenda before accepting comments on other topics.

Members of the Board of Directors were asked to give their full attention to speakers but were reminded that they could not engage speakers in conversation or answer questions.

If concerns or questions were raised from Open Forum topics, the Board could direct staff to follow up. There was no public comment.

3. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

a. Deborah Perry reported there would be a RIDE Interim Site Visit held on June 10.

b. Deborah Perry announced that the Strategic Planning Committee decided a Nowell Visioning Workshop would be held on June 13, location and time TBA.

c. Deborah Perry reported that the final Board of Directors meeting for the 2015 SY would be on June 24, 2015.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

**On a motion duly made by Nancy Wilson and seconded by Misty Delgado
Delgado
it was**

**VOTED: That the Sheila Skip Nowell Leadership Academy
accept Minutes of the
Meeting for April 8, 2015.**

**Vote: 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members
voted in the
negative as follows:**

**YEAS: Gigi Dibello, Misty Delgado, Susan Gershkoff, Beata Nelken,
Deirdre Denning Norton, William Walter and Nancy Wilson.**

NAYS: 0

**5. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Bill Walter updated that the efforts
to rectify the former business records has been slow, tedious and
difficult. He thanked Managing Director, Mike Commendatore for
commendable performance in producing an accurate report of the
first quarter.**

6. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Deborah Perry said personnel

items would be discussed in Executive Session.

7. ACTION ITEMS

8. MANAGING DIRECTOR UPDATE

a. Michael Commendatore reported that the corrected Trial Balance was in RIDE's possession and expected a full report ready in two weeks.

9. HEAD OF SCHOOL UPDATE

a. Jodi LaFauci updated the board that graduation would be held on June 3, 2015, There are currently 20 students with a green light and 14 with a yellow light totally 34 potential graduates. 21 of 34 are parenting and pregnant.

b. Jodi LaFauci presented the Board with Poem Anthologies created as the culminating project of the Writers in the Schools Program at both Nowell campuses. The program was funded through Title 1 funds supporting a school wide Healthy Relationships Initiative. Students presented poems at the Providence Athenaeum. The poems also appear on AS220 Broadside posters.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive session pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws Sec. 42-46-5(a)(2) - sessions pertaining to litigation; reasonably anticipated litigation involving former employees.

i. Motion to conclude Executive Session and reconvene Open Session

ii. Vote to seal minutes/votes taken during Executive Session if

disclosure of such minutes/votes in Open Session would jeopardize any strategy, negotiation or investigation undertaken pursuant to discussions conducted under §42-46-5(a)

On a motion duly made by Misty Delgado and seconded by Bill Walter it was

VOTED: That the Nowell Leadership Board of Directors enter into Executive Session.

Vote: 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Gigi Dibello, Misty Delgado, Susan Gershkoff, Beata Nelken, Deirdre Denning Norton, William Walter and Nancy Wilson.

NAYS: 0

10. REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion duly made by Deirdre Denning Norton and seconded by Gigi DiBello it was

VOTED: That the Nowell Leadership Board of Directors vote to seal the minutes of the Executive Session.

Vote: 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Gigi Dibello, Misty Delgado, Susan Gershkoff, Beata Nelken,

Deirdre Denning Norton, William Walter and Nancy Wilson.

NAYS: 0

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Nancy Wilson with no objections.

Co-Chair Perry adjourned the meeting at 6:52 PM.