

SouthSide Community Charter School

Board Meeting

June 9, 201

4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

In attendance: Jonathan Conklin, Dan Corley, Eileen Hayes, Lela Morgan, Carmen Rodriguez, Judy Ryan, David Vanech, and Francisco Velasquez

Members absent: Delia Rodriguez-Masjoan, Leah Williams Metts, Antoinette Gomes, Julie Casimiro

Guests present: Kas DeCarvalho

1. Raphael's Report

- Accounting update, still identifying proper software**
- Discussion regarding student busing options - \$37K per bus, unless we're sharing the bus with other schools**
- General discussion about busing, need for proper insurance coverage, etc. Possibility of working with someone at The League of Charter Schools to group up and negotiate with the busing companies for provision of services in Providence (and/or**

working with the Providence

School System's buses)

- 2. Amy will look into D&O insurance and into payroll companies.**
- 3. We have two grants: one planning and one implementation...and those needs to be kept clearly distinct in terms of use and requests for reimbursement**

4. Report of the two teachers that we have:

-Parents were greatly impressed with Morgan Partington (learning partner) and

Kristen Vito (Kindergarten classroom teacher). Mrs. Vito has 24 years experience working as a teacher and also is certified in Special Education. Morgan has a Masters Degree in

Education from Rhode Island College-

*****Motion to authorize Raphael and the two teachers - pending certification, to hire the two above-**

referenced teachers. Motion made, seconded and passed.

5. Curriculum Update:

-Reading Street Curriculum in its final stage for kindergarten

-Benchmarks for Kindergarten are being adopted.

-Teachers and Director working on Science, Social Studies,

and Physical Education/Health

Curriculum

6. Professional Development Update:

-Teachers and Director will participate in PD for Singapore Math (August 4th and 5th at Worcester State University)

7. Discussion regarding tech/computers to be used in the classroom; “Chromebooks” was

suggested by Technology specialist and Teachers

8. Discussion of jobs currently posted

-Outreach Coordinator, Assistant Business Manager, Business Manager and Tutors

9. Committee Updates:

10. Education:

Judy Ryan (chair), Carmen Rodriguez, Julie Casimiro Leah Williams Metts, Lela Morgan, and Raphael Diaz

Governance:

Francisco Velasquez (chair), Antoinette Gomes, Dan Corley, Eileen Hayes, Raphael Diaz

Finance:

Dan Corley (chair), Jonathan Conklin, David Vanech, Francisco Velasquez and Raphael Diaz.

11. Discussion regarding Delia Rodriguez...has been unable to attend meetings with full-time position in Boston.

-We need to determine who the one-year, two-year and three-year term board members are

-Interest in nominating Antoinette Gomes as VP of the Board

*****Motion was made and seconded, passed.**

-Discussion regarding adding additional members to the Board. The discussion was that we do have the room for new members

12. SouthSide Elementary Charter School can have up to 17 members.

-Al Speaks (Dean of Education at Blackstone Valley Prep.)

-Leslie Kane, works in US District Atty's Office (daughter of Pearl Kane, who is well known in Charter School circles)

-The Governance Committee shall discuss both candidates further. Resumes will be sent to

Francisco.

**-Decision regarding our process in place for when we have current
Community Prep staff**

**members applying for SS jobs. It was agreed that the interview
committee and decision**

**makers would not have any current Community Prep staff or
trustees. When the vote was**

**placed before the board, those on the board with those connections
would remove themselves**

during the discussion and vote.

13. New Business - none

14. Brief report on timeframe for construction/renovation.

15. Next meeting dates discussed:

**-August 18, September 22, October 20th, and November 17th,
2014**

-Next committee dates set:

Governance - 16th or 18th

Education - June 19th at 4:00

Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm