

SouthSide Elementary Charter School

Board Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2014

4:00 pm to 5:15 pm

**In attendance: Dan Corley, Eileen Hayes, Judy Ryan, Al Speaks,
Antoinette**

Gomes, Lela Morgan, Leah Williams Metts

**Members absent: Francisco Velasquez, Delia Rodriguez-Masjoan,
Julie Casimiro,**

Carmen Rodriguez, Leslie Kane

Guests present: Mrs. Vito and Kas DeCarvalho

- **There were no public comments.**
- **The minutes of the October meeting were approved.**
- **The board voted to accept Eva Vanech as a new member.**
- **Al Speaks talked about his parent perspective and asked about weekly communication continuing to be electronic and hard copies sent home as well.**

- **Kristen mentioned data collection results.**
- **Eileen stated that two parents mentioned to her how happy they are with the school.**
- **Reading Street is now available online for free for the next two years.**
- **Al suggested having a parent information night to inform parents about the Common Core (at a PTO meeting).**
- **Kristen suggested we also have a meeting for incoming students to prepare parents.**
- **Dan suggested that we also present a timeline for benchmarks at the next board meeting.**
- **Antoinette asked for clarification regarding the social security issues Raphael presented.**
- **Dan clarified why charter schools are now being required to pay into social security. Kas also spoke to the legal reasons for this.**

- **Eileen suggested, using part of each board meeting to measure student goals, strategic plan for our school, and learning about the Common Core Standards.**
- **Eileen prefers to have the next meeting to address the board about what we need to do.**
- **January meeting overview board responsibility and the SouthSide staff will give an overview of Common Core Standards.**
- **Eileen will call Delia to see where she is standing as a board member, she will also talk to Francisco.**
- **We talked about the best day to meet and agreed on Monday at 4:30 pm**
- **The staff handbook is ready to be reviewed and will be passed to the Financial Committee and then will be passed to the board for approval.**
- **There was no New Business.**