

SouthSide Elementary Charter School

126 Somerset Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02907

Board Meeting Minutes

September 22, 2014

5:00 pm-6:15 pm

In attendance: Dan Corley, Eileen Hayes, Lela Morgan, Carmen Rodriguez, Judy Ryan, Francisco Velasquez, Delia Rodriguez-Masjoan, Leah Williams Metts, Antoinette Gomes, Leslie Kane, Raphael Diaz, and Al Speaks, Jr.

Members absent: Julie Casimiro

Guests present: Kas DeCarvalho, Brendan Corley, Kristen Vito, Morgan Partington, and Jessica Chaffee

INTRODUCTION: The Board meeting of the SouthSide Elementary Charter School was held at 5:00 pm on September 22, 2014 at 126 Somerset Street, Providence, Rhode Island. There was no public comment.

GENERAL SESSION:

A. Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the August 18, 2014 meeting were reviewed by Eileen Hayes and a motion was made and approved.

B. General Matters

1. New Members Al Speaks, Jr. and Leslie J. Kane, were introduced by Antoinette Gomes. Motion made and approved for Board Membership.

2. Al Speaks Jr. has agreed to step in as the Interim Treasurer of the Board.

C. Director's Report

1. Raphael Diaz reported that the school is in full swing and going extremely well. Parent Approval is extremely high – reviewed Parent Survey results.

2. Currently teachers are working on data assessments and screening to determine the students' academic needs. This will allow teachers to focus on a plan and deliver instruction to meet the needs of each child.

3. Curriculum – Kindergarten curriculum is complete. Teachers are working through 1st grade through 5th grade, and are developing a systemic plan for the overall curriculum of Southside.

4. Classroom materials – still waiting for delivery of lockers.

5. Jessica Chaffee, new teacher's assistant, was introduced to the Board. Currently Southside has 9 employees.

6. Currently 23 students enrolled. 2 children lost due to attrition.

7. Discussion to increase class size from 24 to 25 children. After discussion, the Board voted and approved for the next school year to increase to 25 children, anticipating some attrition during the year.

D. Education Updates

1. Kindergarten Schedule is now altered slightly to begin at 7:45 am with breakfast in the classroom. Some children still arriving

before 7:45 am but procedures are in place to supervise children.

2. Martha Roberts, a former teacher at Henry Barnard School, has been contacted to help us develop a Science Curriculum for K-5.

E. Finance Report

1. Amy Tellier reported that Southside is currently over budget. The overriding concern is a need for \$30,000 for information management technology and software for classroom management.

F. Set Next Board Meeting Dates

1. Next Board Meeting dates set for October 20th, 2014 and November 17th, 2014

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.