

# Doctors Charter School Board Meeting Minutes 02-18-10

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The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Alan Silbert at 5:35 PM.

Present: Chair A. Silbert, Secretary A. Burch, E. Bonet, R. Bernstein, H. Davis, D. Kleinman, C. Morris.

Apologies for absence: Treasurer E. D’An, J. Harris-Looby, Vice-chair J. Lutton, A. Harke, B. Heffernan, J. McCoy

Minutes: A motion was made by Dr. Morris, seconded by R. Bernstein, that the minutes of the January meeting be approved as presented. All were in favor.

Executive Director’s Report: Mr. Meredith presented an update on the plans for our Strategic Planning workshop set for Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from 9AM – 3PM and Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 9AM-12 Noon. Mr. Herb Marlowe will be in touch by phone appointment with each Board member.

Mr. Meredith summarized some School statistics he presented to the Miami Shores Property Owners Association in January:

2007	2008	2009
524 students	543 students	556 students
542 numerical school grade	619 numerical school grade	620 numerical school grade
3 AP classes	5 AP classes	7 AP classes
21 students taking AP	37 students taking AP	93 students taking AP
32% Miami Shores residents	37% Miami Shores residents	39% Miami Shores residents

He went on to mention that the Great Schools website awards the School a rare 10 ranking.

There was 100% attendance for FCAT Writing. An open house was held for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents, at the suggestion of a faculty member. The purpose was to inform of all the options available by remaining at DCS for 9<sup>th</sup> grade. The World Culture Fair was very well attended. Capital Outlay is being used for lighting, a computer lab, and security cameras.

Facility use discussion: The University of Miami’s request to hold developmental reading classes in our facility was discussed. The Board concluded that a considerable sum would need to be offered in order for the Board to consider the proposal further. Mr. Meredith will inform UM.

Personnel Committee: Chair R. Bernstein reported that Mr. Meredith’s mid-year evaluation is complete, with a composite ‘commendable’ or ‘distinguished’ in all areas. Ideas for his contract were discussed at the Committee level; flexibility for in-house presence is part of the discussion. The plan is to present a contract to the full Board after Finance review.

Finance Committee: A motion was made, seconded and passed to add Kay Brown as a check signer in the absence of Treasurer, Irene Fajardo.

Fundraising Committee: Chair D. Kleinman offered the plans for the Golf and Tennis Tournament April 16, 2010 at the Miami Shores Country Club. Plans to reach out to all possible donors were put forth. Sponsors will be pursued.

PTSA: Ellen Bonet said that the *Soul Swish* was very well attended and some proceeds will go to Haiti earthquake relief. She said that “every event is better attended than the last”, and they

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look forward to good participation at the March 5, 2010 Festival di Primavera Silent Auction. For Miami Shores Unity Day, the PTSA will offer tattoos, candy and school brochures. Students attending Unity Day in their DCS shirts will earn a raffle ticket for an Ipod.

Announcement: It was announce that our Chamber Strings Ensemble will perform Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Florida Orchestra Association adjudications, and that our Concert Chorus Ensemble will present at the Feb. 25 Florida Vocal Association adjudications.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35PM. Next Board meeting is scheduled for March 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM, with the Strategic Planning sessions on Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from 9AM-3PM, and Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 9AM- 12 Noon.

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Alan Silbert, Chairman

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Alice Burch, Secretary