

Doctors Charter School Board Meeting Minutes 04-15-10

The Board meeting was called to order by Chairman Alan Silbert at 5:38 PM. Present were: J. Lutton, A. Burch, R. Bernstein via conference call, E. Bonet, A. Harke, C. Morris. Joining the meeting in progress were H. Davis and J. McCoy. Apologies for absence: B. Heffernan, E. D'An, J. Harris-Looby. Absent: D. Kleinman. Also present: Executive Director Gary Meredith,

A reflection was offered by J. Lutton.

Minutes: There was a motion by J. Lutton, second by C. Morris, to approve the minutes of the March Board meeting.

Executive Director's Report: The incoming 6th grade class may be full with Miami Shores resident- students. Some siblings of current students may not have a place for 6th grade. A complaint about this situation was heard by the Charter School Office. Our Board attorney, Joe Raia, recommends that the Board pass a resolution to clarify admission preferences. A motion was immediately made, seconded and passed, to approve Resolution #25, "A resolution of the Doctors Charter School of Miami Shores School Board Authority establishing admission enrollment preference." Mr. Meredith went on to announce the veto of Senate Bill 6. He also reported on the Admission open house; some parents who had hired a consultant who found DCS superior to another local school; and the addition of 33 security cameras in a capital outlay project. Graduation will be held June 8, 2010 in the Broad Auditorium. Mr. Meredith will be issuing memoranda of understanding to faculty about returning to their positions for 2010-11 without enumerating a salary until funding levels are established.

Personnel Committee: R. Bernstein reported that Personnel would like the Strategic Plan to be inclusive of an Athletic Director and an Activities Director when possible.

Finance Committee: A. Burch explained that E. D'An will meet with Mr. Meredith to go over the "Operating Cash Flow Projections Report". The purpose of this will be to clarify the contingency picture, and whether or not we have saved enough budget dollars this year to allow for the restoration of the 2009-10 6th period supplement and the salary step increases.

Strategic Planning: A. Silbert will contact B. Heffernan to set up a meeting.

Fundraising and Marketing: The focus is on the Golf and Tennis tournament, set for tomorrow, with 50+ golfers and 20+ tennis players.

PTSA: Alison Harke and Ellen Bonet together reported that parents who are short on service hours should be reminded of this via an email blast and given the opportunity for a specific DCS 6th Annual Family Picnic job, as the Picnic is set for May 22nd and they are short of help. Perhaps Deanna Chairge could get student ambassadors to greet new students. In High School tennis, both girls and boys were 2nd in Districts, and the Track team is also going to Districts. On May 13th, the second annual Sports Banquet will take place at Miami Shores Country Club, and Hawks Boosters are very excited to celebrate all of our athletic accomplishments at DCS this year. It was also announced that student Kadeem Walker was accepted to every college to which he applied, and has received a full scholarship to the University of Miami pre-med program.

Board Appointments: The Miami Shores Village Council will appoint Board members soon. The application deadline is May 24, 2010. Current Board members whose terms are expiring are encouraged to apply. Both of the Barry University appointees are also expiring in June.

Board Comment: C. Morris believes that DCS will receive funding from Rotary. The PTSA will fund a "scholar athlete", to be presented at the Sports Banquet.

Next Board meeting: The next Board meeting will be held at 5:30PM on Thursday, May 20th, 2010.

Alan Silbert, MD Chairman

Alice Burch, Secretary