

Doctors Charter School Board Meeting Minutes 06-17-10

The June meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 5:35 PM, with Chair Alan Silbert presiding. Also present were: Vice Chair J. Lutton, Treasurer E. D'An, E. Bonet, A. Harke, D. Kleinman, S. Mourer, R. Bernstein, J. McCoy and C. Morris. Apologies for absence were received from A. Burch, B. Heffernan and Dr. Terry Piper. Also present was G. Meredith.

Minutes: The minutes of the May meeting were moved, seconded and passed.

Welcome: Chair Silbert welcomed our new Board members Sarah Mourer and Terry Piper.

Executive Director's Report: Mr. Meredith reported on a very successful 2010 Graduation ceremony at Broad Auditorium on the Barry University campus. All who attended agreed that it was an exceptional ceremony. Senior Jose Perez won the Outstanding Senior Award presented by the Board. In addition to his academic and extracurricular achievements, Mr. Perez was recognized for his perfect attendance for thirteen (13) years. Mr. Meredith announced that he had hired someone to fill the activities/athletics director position from within.

Personnel Committee: No report.

Finance Committee: E. D'An presented and reviewed the 2010-2011 budget and accepted a motion to approve with the ability to make minor changes before presentation to the Village Council. The motion was seconded and passed. The Board agreed that we should consider using Capital Outlay funds to pay for a feasibility study for the Gymnasium. It was suggested that as many board members as possible be present at the next Village Council meeting when the budget is being considered.

Strategic Planning Committee: A draft of the remaining five goals were presented to the Board for consideration and review. The Goal to provide a private school experience was questioned by S. Mourer and J. Lutton. The Board agreed to change the term to "top private school." The Board also recommended that the school conduct exit interviews when students leave the school. When discussing the goal to develop and retain quality faculty and staff, J. Lutton clarified that the use of students in the classroom would be as an elective.

Fundraising Committee: D. Kleinman reported that we are already obtaining dates for next years' Golf & Tennis tournament and we may choose to do it in season which would cost more but could increase participation. Dr. Morris suggested researching our ability to access the interest currently being earned on the grant from the North Dade Medical Foundation. The board agreed with Dr. Morris. Dr. Morris also presented a check on behalf of the Miami Shores Rotary Club to the fundraising committee in the amount of \$300.00. J. Lutton reported that she had some materials she would provide to D. Kleinman from a fundraising expert that could be helpful. One suggestion is that each Board member takes on a very specific fundraising role. The Board agreed to follow up on these ideas.

PTSA: E. Bonet reported that the PTSA has a new slate of officers and that a number of them are parents that are volunteering for the first time at our school. She also reported that the DCS Picnic was a huge success with almost 500 people in attendance. Also, the Picnic cost to the PTSA was only \$137.00 because we charged \$5 for parents and non-students and we raffled a bicycle. All current and incoming students along with faculty and staff entered for free. They hosted the first student and faculty basketball tournament and presented trophies to all the winners.

General Public Comment: Ms. Terri Tennison, Chair of the Language Arts department addressed the Board. She expressed concern that several quality faculty members had left the school to work at higher paying jobs or had completely quit teaching. She explained that having multiple preparations and

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working six periods is hard work and that she is concerned that our faculty members are being “burned out.” The Board expressed concern and asked Ms. Tennison to come to a future meeting and provide creative suggestions on how to improve the situation, working within the existing budget. J. Lutton suggested that given the size of DCS there is no way to avoid multiple preparations for each teacher.

The next Board Meeting is on July 15th at 5:30pm in the Media Center.

Alan Silbert, MD Chairman

Alice Burch, Secretary