

Doctors Charter School Board of Directors

Board Meeting Minutes 07-15-10

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Dr. Joan Lutton at 5:35PM. Present were: Treasurer Evelyn D'An, Secretary Alice Burch, Ellen Bonet, Dennis Kleinman, Jim McCoy, Chester Morris, and Terry Piper. Apologies for absence: A. Silbert, R. Bernstein, A. Harke, S. Mourer. Also present was Vice Principal Kay Brown.

After the pledge and inspirational message by Dr. Lutton, the public was dismissed so that the Board might hear appeals.

The public meeting resumed at approximately 7:10PM.

Minutes: The minutes of the May, 2010 Board meeting were approved unanimously as submitted.

Resolutions: A resolution regarding the appointments of two new Board members was approved unanimously. A resolution accepting the resignation of Dr. Harris-Looby was also affirmed by unanimous vote.

FCAT score report: Vice Principal and Curriculum Coordinator Kay Brown presented an FCAT score comparison chart to the Board. In scale scores, there was improvement in every area. In response to a question about the score results for 8th grade vs. 9th grade, Mrs. Brown pointed out that 86 DCS 9th graders took the FCAT. Of these, 46 were new students to DCS. DCS administration desires to retain its rising 8th graders and asks the Board for assistance in finding ways to achieve this. After further questions, including whether DCS is likely to retain its 'A' rating, Mrs. Brown was thanked for her report.

Finance Committee: Treasurer and Finance Chair Evelyn D'An discussed the highlights of our 2010-11 budget. She pointed out that we are presenting a balanced budget to the Village Council on 7-20-10 and were not requesting funds. Board members opined that it seemed reasonable to point out to Council that any interest earned on North Dade Medical Foundation funds, on deposit with the Village, might be allocated to assist with some of the school's funding areas.

Strategic Plan: Jim McCoy explained that this was the Board's second review of the Strategic Planning Committee's completed outline. Chester Morris moved that the Plan be approved as submitted. Evelyn D'An seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Fundraising and Marketing: Dennis Kleinman, Chair, reported that a meeting took place to plan for the next marketing initiatives: a new brochure; an article for the Chamber News on DCS- five years later; and a possible polishing of the DCS website for greater use as a showcase for the School. It was pointed out that we are in a "battle of awareness" for Shores residents who need to know the outstanding quality of our educational offerings, especially for high school.

Next meeting: The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2010 at 5:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Joan Lutton, Vice Chair

Alice Burch, Secretary