

Back to Basics Charter School Foundation, Inc.
Board of Director's Meeting
Wednesday, May 12, 2010
Minutes

In attendance: Dr. Nasrin Erfanian, Carol Hines-Cobb, Dr. Lew Kirk, Jackie Zebos, Gil Schisler, Alba Mas, Nancy Hutson, Lynne Volpe, Dr. Steve Shivers, Gary Hocevar, Kris Bennett, and Robert Negron. **Excused:** Vinnie Medero and Jeffrey Huggins.

1. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 6:02pm
2. **Approval of the March 10 minutes** - Carol Hines-Cobb made a motion to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded by Alba Mas. Ms. Hines-Cobb pointed out that her name was omitted from the list of those in attendance. The minutes were approved as corrected.
3. **Treasurer's Report** – Nancy Hutson stated that spending was favorable to plan by \$370,000 when compared to budget. She thanked staff for their efforts in controlling spending.
4. **CEO/Principal's Report** – Recognition of the students who were members of the Battle of the Books team took place. The team finished first in the district competition. Mr. Hocevar distributed revisions to Charter School reporting requirements. He announced that the waiting list has 373 names on it. Kris Bennett announced that the summer program, SLAM has been developed and registration is beginning.
5. **Faculty Report** – Robert Negron – Mr. Negron reported that the staff very much appreciated the gift cards given to them by the TCMS board. He stated that the symposium was a big success and that this year' teacher observations had been completed.
6. **PRA Report** – Nasrin Erfanian – Dr. Erfanian reported that during the recent PRA meeting there was a discussion of the transfer of duties to the new officers and that Joan Whitten would be the new president. The PRA representative to the board will be Stanley Mikita. Jolie Frankfurth was recognized and thanked for all of her efforts.
7. **Committee Reports** –
 - Finance and Development** – Ms. Hutson reported that strategic planning task force had determined that neither an expansion nor a satellite school were financially feasible and that the committee decided to table discussion of those plans.
 - Governance and Nominating** – Dr. Kirk reported that the committee did not meet.
 - Academic Curriculum Review and Oversight** – Ms. Volpe reported that she had a conversation with staff about the impact of the expanded enrollment and how a proposed reorganization will help to mitigate the impact. They also discussed the FAIR testing and the creation of grade level administrators. The current assistant principal, Judy Turner, will return to the classroom. Mr. Hocevar will provide more details on his proposed reorganization at the July meeting.
 - Facilities and Operations Committee** – Ms. Mas reported that the pavilion is under construction. The gutters still need work. The gym floor has been resurfaced. The committee believes that it has a solution to the problems with the floors.
8. **New Business** – Ms. Hutson presented the draft budget for the 2010-2011 school year. Board members are asked to review it and bring any questions to the June meeting.
9. **Old Business** – none

10. **Adjournment** – Steve Shivers moved to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Carol Hines-Cobb. The meeting was adjourned at 6:54pm.

Terrace Community Middle School
May 12, 2010

- Thank you for Gift Cards!!!!

- Finding Manana Symposium
 - April 9, 2010
 - Extremely Successful
 - An abundance of positive feedback from students, parents and the community. Collaboration speaks volumes!!!

- Science Club Placed 6th
 - 6th Annual MATE ROV Competition April 17, 2010
 - At Brevard Community College at Cocoa Beach, FL
 - Mr. Fernandez sponsored the club that had two teams participating in the competition: Team Tornadoes and Team Vortex. Team Tornadoes placed 5 amongst 11 teams of which all were high school and higher education
 - South Broward High school gave our kids their “lays” after taking 3rd in the competition because of the help our teams gave them the night before
 - Great experience for all the members team members involved.

- Battle of the Books
 - Held Mrs. Kimmitz and Mrs. Whittemore
 - 49 public and charter schools participate in the competition
 - After 4 rounds TCMS answered 89% of questions correctly
 - Ended in a 3-way tie with Bartels and Burnett
 - Both schools pull students during instructional time with media specialist to study for this
 - Proof hard work and dedication, not the “teaching to the test” approach works better
 - Ended up in 1st place in the district
 - 1st Charter school to accomplish this

- Voting for A+ Money allocation
 - Final vote will go out this evening to have allocation percentages finalized for administration by Monday.

- In the classroom...
 - Teachers are working hard on creating learning and innovation in the classrooms as the final weeks dwindle down. All teachers have been observed and have received positive feedback from administration via emails on their creative lessons that continue to engage all our students even in these times of “summeritis.”
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