

**CROSSROADS CHARTER ACADEMY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES
JANUARY 14, 2010**

DATE: January 14, 2010
TIME: 7:00p.m.
PLACE: CCA Library/Media Center-Elementary Building

1. Call To Order: 7:00p.m.
Present: Jim Woolen, President
Krissy Workman, Secretary
Paula Vaughn, Treasurer
David Frees, Representative At Large
Kemi Fadayomi, Board Member
Absent: Jimmie Rodgers, Vice President
Sayed Hashimi, Board Member
Also Present: Ronald G. Schneider, Superintendent
Trudi Green, Director of Finance
Tom Saporito, MSHS Principal
Kendall Schroeder, K-6 Principal
Bob Fortin, GVSU
Bruce Blevins, Woodbridge WMES

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion was made by David Frees, seconded by Paula Vaughn, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Krissy Workman, seconded by Paula Vaughn, to approve the Minutes of the November 12, 2009 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Kemi Fadayomi, seconded by Paula Vaughn, to approve the Minutes of the January 9, 2010 board retreat. Motion carried.

4. CCA Education Spotlight

Brandon Seaver, Elementary Special Education Teacher, and Mary Strom Elementary Title I Teacher shared their intervention strategies, procedures, and successes. Ron Schneider invited board members to visit the resource room on the third floor; it is fun to watch the great work being done there. Kemi asked what can the board do to help them? Brandon mentioned help with software and that he is applying for a grant to get IPODs for the students; which are becoming a great tool in the classroom. Mary mentioned possible funding to help enhance the literature/parent kits that Carol Noreen puts together.

Mary thanked the board and administration for making the Title I program into the superb program we have right now. The technology and other things that CCA has invested in are great. The investments that have been made through the years are very different from other schools that she has been involved with.

5. Reports:

P.A.C.: Michelle Gabalis

Michelle Gabalis gave her report. The next P.A.C. meeting is January 19, 2010 at 9:00a.m. in the Parson's room at the ISD. Julie Flowerday will be presenting on transitioning from high school to adult life; college, work force, etc.

P.T.O.: Val Saunders

Val Saunders gave her report. They made \$2,407 from the box top donation program. The next P.T.O. meeting is January 19. They will discuss distribution of the funds at that time. Jami Haner resigned as treasurer, so they are down to just Val and Mr. Chapman at present for officers.

Director of Finance: Trudi Green

Trudi gave the financial report for the month. She has applied for the first step towards borrowing on State Aid for the summer bridge loan and we have been approved. Thank you to GVSU for the reimbursement of the professional development training costs. We have interviewed three candidates for the custodian/bus driver position and have selected a good candidate who will fill the shoes well. We are going to pilot the Universal Breakfast program at the elementary. It will provide a free breakfast for all students in classrooms every day starting in February. We can offer this program because our numbers put us in the severe risk category. We are also working with the Goodwill Industries training program in the kitchen area and its going very well. We have been told the \$127 state aid cut will not be taken away from us at this time, so we will be doing budget revisions.

K-6 Principal: Kendall Schroeder

All Star Academy brochures are going home tomorrow. Cougar Chronicles has gone so well we will be printing more copies. It has really taken off, and we have heard positive comments. It focuses on character and Habits of the Mind. Students are writing and talking about them in this magazine format. Its fun to read through the offerings our kids put in. Another one will be out this Spring. The Goodwill helpers have been incredible, and made a big difference in the cafeteria and we're excited to have them to help us with the breakfast program.

He got inspired at the retreat to see how our staff could help us do things better, so have asked for their help this week under the "Bright Ideas" label. He asked how we could do things better. Everybody's been talking back and forth in emails and we're excited about the ideas and you will probably hear some of them at a future board meeting. He also congratulated the board on a great year of service.

MS/HS Principal: Tom Saporito

He had no new additions to his report included in the board packet for the evening.

Superintendent: Ron Schneider

Our CSI (Cyber Safety Initiative) event went very well. We have had good feedback from staff as well. We had 25 parents attend the evening session and the presenter said that it was a good turnout compared to what she is used to. It was very worthwhile for our school.

Tuesday he attended a GVSU meeting, listening to an NCA representative. He got a lot of information and his plan is to present it to the administration at their Monday meeting, and then the Education Committee. There are some advantages to it, and we will have to decide if its best for us.

Ron presented Certificates of Appreciation to the board members, along with cards, posters, gifts of pottery, etc. all made by our students K-12 to celebrate Board Appreciation Month. The high school art department also made a beautiful origami floral bouquet that will be

placed on the board table from month to month. The staff and students went all out to honor the board members, along with cookies and punch.

GVSU: Bob Fortin

Board member renewals will be voted on tonight and he will take the paperwork back with him. He stated that they appreciate CCA very much, as we have already qualified for the bulk of the GVSU grant monies through completion of our board and staff professional development areas. Testing and Compliance items will be completed through the end of the school year.

6. Public Comments: None

7. Action Items:

A. Old Business: None

B. New Business:

1. Finance Committee Report & Recommendations: None
2. Building & Grounds Committee Report & Recommendations: None
3. Education Committee Report & Recommendations: None
4. Board Reappointments:

Motion was made by Paula Vaughn, seconded by Krissy Workman, to approve the reappointment of David Frees, Kemi Fadayomi, and Jim Woolen to continue on the CCA Board for an additional three year term: June 30, 2010 to June 30, 2013. Motion carried.

5. Service Consolidation Plan Agreement (MDE Requirement)

Motion was made by David Frees, seconded by Krissy Workman to approve the following Resolution read by David Frees:

“Crossroads Charter Academy Service Consolidation Plan Resolution”
“Whereas, MCL 388.1611D(2) requires that a district enter into an agreement with the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) if the district intends to apply the \$165 per pupil deduction in 2009-10 State School Aid revenue against one of the unprotected State School Aid categoricals other than Section 22b. Under this document the district agrees that it will develop a Service Consolidation Plan to reduce school operating costs that is in compliance with MDE guidelines.

Whereas, the Crossroads Charter Academy Board of Directors have been involved with service consolidation plans in the past, sharing various services; and

Whereas, the district continues to pursue additional new opportunities for the consolidation of services;

Resolved, that Crossroads Charter Academy intends to enter into an agreement with the Michigan Department of Education to develop a new Service Consolidation Plan.

A vote on the resolution was taken: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Resolution declared adopted. Motion carried.

6. Football Program

Jeff Thorne presented the requested report on the football program and progress made since its inception in 2007. He had invited the team players and their parents to attend tonight's meeting. He also presented to the board numerous letters from players unable to attend, parents, staff members, and other athletic directors in the league.

Motion was made by Paula Vaughn, seconded by Krissy Workman, to continue the football program for the 2010-2011 school year. Motion carried.

7. Recommend Woodbridge Group Accept Resignations:

Motion was made by Kemi Fadayomi, seconded by Paula Vaughn to recommend Woodbridge Group accept the resignations of: Doug Wolgamott, Linda Russell, and Della Smithey. Motion carried.

8. Recommend Woodbridge Group Hire

New hires are still in process and names will be on next month's agenda.

8. Board Round Table Discussion

Paula Vaughn: The 8th grade Boy's Basketball Team went undefeated and won their tournament. Their accomplishment was not highly publicized.

Kemi Fadayomi: Very impressed to see the number of people who are here tonight. Good to see community involvement and hats off to you Jeff. She will be coming to some games.

David Frees: Looking forward to the next season of football.

Jim Woolen: Been at every game even when they were losing. I admire that they never gave up. Even though I may not be for it because of the cost, I want to congratulate you Coach Thorne on a job well done. To see our players conduct themselves as they did, and never give up was commendable.

9. Next Regular Meeting: February 11, 2010

10. Adjournment

Jim Woolen adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:40p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By: _____ Dated: _____