RLOACS Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes March 17, 2015 1398 Church Rd, Hardeeville, SC

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| Present:   Absent: | Dr. Rob McBrayer, Chair; Eunice Spilliards, Vice-Chair; Brandi Freeman, Secretary; Amleht Alston; Penny Daley; Sergio Nuno; Pershawn Patterson; Sheree Darien, Treasurer,via phone; Dr. Karen Wicks, Executive Director; Les Wicks Facilities Development  Vicky Roberts |
| Venue  Royal Live Oaks Academy  Next Parent Meeting: April 23, 2015 |  |
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A quorum was present.

* **Old business:** 
  + **Open Meeting** - Chair

Meeting was called to order at 6:36. Motion was made to proceed by Brandi Freeman and seconded by Penny Daley. Unanimously approved.

* + **Approval of Minutes of February Board Meeting** – Secretary – A motion was made by Penny Daley and seconded by Eunice Spilliards to accept the minutes, and the minutes were unanimously accepted.
* **New business:** 
  + **RLOA Mission Statement** - The Chair read the complete mission statement.
  + **Finance Report for February 2015** – Dr. Karen Wicks presented on behalf of Bill Moser and discussed at length changes for **February** budget. Motion to approve February budget was made by Brandi Freeman and seconded by Penny Daley. The budget was unanimously approved.
  + **First Reading of Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-** Dr. Karen Wicks presented on behalf of Bill Moser the First Reading of Operating Budget for 2016 School Year. Discussion occurred. The Board requested format changes for second reading.
  + **Update on Building, Finance, and Architectural Work** – Presented by Les Wicks – Fiscal Ability Budget approval Stage One is complete. USDA 60 days examinations preapproval is complete. Completion Goal for USDA approval is May 2015. Les Wicks is meeting with Engineer and Architect to define and determine final plans for new campus. We are saving roughly $250,000 to $500,000 by separating site and building General Contractors.
  + **School Updates:- Presented by Dr. Karen Wicks**
* **Enrollment: 534 at 3-12-15**
* **Teacher Recruitment:** Administrators and a select number of teachers will be attending several job fairs at South Carolina colleges during the month of March and April to recruit teachers for next school year.
* **District Comprehensive Review Visit:** The district will be performing a comprehensive review visit on March 19th and 20th. The attached checklist represents the areas they will be reviewing.
* **Black History Assembly:** March 2nd we held two assemblies, one for K-5 and the other for middle-high school to celebrate Black History. We had stellar student performances.
* **Jump Rope for Heart:** On March 6th, the school held a special event on the soccer field as part of the culmination of the Jump Rope for Heart initiative. Students raised over $1,100 this school year to be donated to the American Heart Association. The student who raised the most money was Isabella Couch, the second year in a row.
* **Read Across America:** During the week of March 2nd, we participated in the Read Across America initiative to encourage our students to read more. A number of fun activities highlighted the pleasure of reading. Each day a different Dr. Seuss story was featured, and students and staff were encouraged to dress based on the daily theme.
* **MAP Testing:** Spring MAP testing will be administered March 16th – March 31st and be completed at the end of the month. The information from this testing will assist us in identifying where to best help students to succeed on state assessments that begins April 28th - May 8th.
* **Grant Award Presented at County Council Meeting:** Dr. Wicks, Mrs. Moss, and two students of the year (Breiana Buchanan and Stephanie Miller) received the presentation of the $5,000 grant from the Jasper County Community Fund for our reading initiative at the March 2nd County Council Meeting in Hardeeville.
* **National Jr. Art Honor Society/National Art Honor Society Field Trip:** NJAHS and NAHS students had the opportunity on Saturday, March 7th, to attend the National Art Honor Society Conference at the Columbia Museum of Art in Columbia, SC. There were over 300 NAHS students in attendance from across the state. The 20+ students participated in various workshops where they learned new skills and techniques for creating art. Some of the workshops included printmaking, zentangles, figure drawing and making their own sketchbooks. It was a great trip and the students have come back wanting to host an event similar to this at our school for all students to learn these new skills.
* **Performing Arts Field Trip:** Mr. and Dr. Wicks and Mr. and Dr. Chambers are taking 5 RLOA students on Saturday, March 14th, to the 2:00pm Rising Stars Talent Show at the Arts Center of Coastal Carolina on Hilton Head, followed by a meal.
* **March newsletter** is attached.
  + **Revisions to Charter Goals & Objectives-** Revisions to Charter Goals and Objectives were discussed in detail by Dr. Karen Wicks. Motion was made by Eunice Spilliards to approve revisions and send them to Courtney Mills at the district for review. Second was made by Penny Daley, and the revisions were unanimously approved.
  + **Employee Handbook Revisions-** Dr. Karen Wicks reviewed all changes made to Employee Handbook for RLOA 2015-16 School Year. Motion to accept changes to handbook was made by Brandi Freeman and seconded by Pershawn Patterson. The revisions were nanimously approved.
  + **District Comprehensive Site Visit-** Dr. Karen Wicks presented to the Board all requirements and findings that must be provided to the District Representatives upon arrival on Thursday March 19, 2015.
* **Public Comment** – No public comment.
* **Executive Session**- Rob McBrayer made a motion to enter into Executive Session. Penny Daley seconded. Motion to exit Executive Session was made by Rob McBrayer and seconded by Pershawn Patterson, and unanimously approved.
* **Final Actions** **in General Session** – The RLOA Board completed the Principal Evaluation of Dr. Karen Wicks as requested by District Representatives.
* **Motion to Adjourn** – Motion to adjourn was made by Pershawn Patterson at 8:13 and was seconded by Amleht Alston. Unanimously approved.