RLOACS Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes June 16, 2015 1398 Church Rd, Hardeeville, SC

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| Present:   Absent:    Venue | Dr. Rob McBrayer, Chair; Brandi Freeman, Secretary; Sheree Darien, Treasurer; Amleht Alston, Sergio Nuno; Pershawn Patterson; Dr. Karen Wicks, Executive Director; Les Wicks, Facilities Development;  Penny Daley and Eunice Spilliards, Vice-Chair  Royal Live Oaks Academy Student Dining Hall |
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* **Old business:** 
  + **Open Meeting** - Chair

Meeting was called to order at 6:39 pm. A motion was made to start the meeting by Brandi Freeman and seconded by Sheree Darien. The motion passed unanimously.

* + **Approval of Minutes of May 19, 2015 Board Meeting** – Secretary – A motion was made by Brandi Freeman and seconded by Amleht Alston to accept the minutes, and the minutes were unanimously accepted.
* **New business:** 
  + **RLOA Mission Statement** - The Chair read the complete mission statement.

**Presentation of Partnership Proposal -** Chris Protz, Director of Boys and Girls Club,presented and discussed at length bringing the Club to RLOA campus. Board members asked clarifying questions. A motion for the proposal to go to the next stage of approval by the Boys and Girls Club Board was made by Brandi Freeman and seconded by Sergio Nuno. The motion passed unanimously.

* + **Finance Report for May 2015** – Dr. Karen Wicks presented the May Budget Report on behalf of Bill Moser. The Budget was discussed at length. A motion to approve the May Budget was made by Sergio Nuno and seconded by Rob McBrayer. The motion carried unanimously.
  + **2015-2016 School Year Budget -** Dr. Karen Wicks presented on behalf ofBill Moser the third reading of the 2015-2016 Budget. A motion to accept the budget was made by Brandi Freeman and seconded by Sergio Nuno. The motion carried unanimously.
  + **Report on Meeting with District re: School Profile Financial Ratings -** Dr. Wicks reported on the meeting she and Bill Moser had with district personnel, including Bobby Rykard, re the Performance Framework Profile’s financial ratings. Neither attendee was content with the explanation and outcome of the meeting. Dr. Wicks and Mr. Moser have forwarded their concerns to Mary Carmichael, Director of the Charter School Alliance, who will work on behalf of all the schools to address areas of concern with the Performance Framework Profile process.
  + **Update on Building, Finance, and Architectural Work** – Les Wicks provided the Board with a status report on the new campus project. The bidding process is currently waiting on absolute costs to be determined. To save considerable costs, we will be choosing two types of contractors: Sitework Contractor and Building Contractor. Bid packages are ready to go out to potential contactors. Once final building costs have been determined and the underwriting process for the Feasibility Study has been completed, the USDA will have all the needed components to go through the final approval process.
  + **School Updates**
* **Enrollment: 593 at 6-15-15**
* **Waitlist: 87 at 6-15-15**
* **Staffing:** All positions have been hired.
* **Advertising:** We are in the process of negotiating for billboard space in our area to advertise.
* **District Visit re Performance Framework Profile—Financial:** Dr. Wicks and Bill Moser met with Superintendent Brazell, Assistant Superintendent for Compliance Reed, Director of Finance Tasha Robinson, and Financial Analyst Bobby Rykard regarding our questions about the financial profile. We provide our report at the June 16th Board meeting. We took issue with the fact that this document was not sent as a draft or preliminary document since the performance framework indicates that a draft will be sent to the school for discussion before it is finalized. This was a pilot year, so it is all the more important that it should have been sent as a draft. The remainder of the discussion will be provided in the June 16th Board meeting.
* **Summer Reading Camp:** We have 30 students in the program, starting June 8th and running through July 3rd Monday-Thursday, 9:00-3:30. So far we are seeing good progress.
* **Expanded Initiatives:** In K-5 we will be implementing the PLTW Launch program which will include four modules per grade, and will include topics such as computer programming, robotics, engineering software, and project based learning. In this curriculum students will be given a problem and throughout the module gain information on the topic before culminating with solving the problem at the end. In high school students, will begin programming and robotics in the PLTW Principles of Engineering class. This will include VEX robotics teams for students in the class with the potential to compete in competitions. In middle schools students will have the opportunity to take part in the First Lego League clubs. This will give them the opportunity to prepare for high school engineering while learning the concepts through a simpler robot. These clubs will also have the potential to compete in competitions. In elementary school students will have the chance to take what they learn from the robotics and programming curriculum to be apart of the VEX IQ robotics club. This will enforce the information learned in the classroom and allow them to potentially compete in competitions. Also this will prepare them for the implementation of PLTW Gateway to our middle school in the coming years. Finally, next year we will hopefully introduce the First Tee curriculum in our Physical Education classes for our elementary school students. This will introduce students to the game of golf in ways that have not been possible before. This will also lead us in being a part of the First Tee after school program of Jasper County and a golf team for the coming school year.
* **Public Comment** – No public comment.
* **Executive Session**- None
* **Motion to Adjourn** – Amleht Alston made a motion to adjourn at 8:05 pm. The motion was seconded by Pershawn Patterson, and the motion carried.