RLOACS Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2015, RLOACS, Dining Hall, 1398 Church Rd, Hardeeville, SC

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| Present:   Absent: | Dr. Rob McBrayer, Chair; Eunice Spilliards, Vice-Chair; Brandi Freeman, Secretary; Sheree Darien, Treasurer; Sergio Nuno; Amleht Alston via phone; Dr. Karen Wicks, Executive Director; Bill Moser, Kelley-Moser Consulting  Penny Daley and Pershawn Patterson |
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A quorum was present.

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

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. Brandi Freeman made a motion to start the meeting, and Sergio Nuno seconded it. The motion was unanimously approved.

* + **Approval of Minutes of April 21, 2015 Board Meeting** – Secretary – A motion was made by Brandi Freeman and seconded by Eunice Spilliards to accept the minutes, and the minutes were unanimously accepted.
  + **Approval of Minutes of April 27, 2015 Special Board Meeting** - Secretary - A motion was made by Eunice Spilliards and seconded by Sergio Nuno to accept the minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved.
* **New business:** 
  + **RLOA Mission Statement** - The Chair read the complete mission statement.
  + **Finance Report for April 2015** - Bill Moser presented and discussed at length changes for April. A motion to approve the April budget report was made by Eunice Spilliards and seconded by Sheree Darien. The motion was unanimously approved.
  + **Final Reading of the 2015-2016 School Year Budget-** Bill Moser presented and reviewed the 2015-2016 SY budget. A motion to accept the budget was made by Eunice Spilliards and seconded by Sheree Darien. The motion was unanimously approved.
  + **Update on Building, Finance, and Architectural Work** – Presented by Dr. Karen Wicks

Architectural plans were reviewed by Dr. Wicks and Mr. Wicks and should be finalized soon for Board approval. Everything has been completed for the Feasibility Study. We await the USDA’s decision on our application for funding.

* + **School Updates:- Presented by Dr. Karen Wicks Executive Director**
* **Enrollment: 530 at 5-15-15**
* **Waitlist: 138 at 5-15-15**
* **Staffing:** We have hired 6 additional international teachers for middle-high school, ESOL, Spanish, and P.E., 2 elementary teachers from the pool of job fair candidates, 1 elementary teacher from a local school. We are still interviewing for an art teacher and a second high school social studies teacher.
* **State Testing:** RLOA elementary and middle school students completed the ACT Aspire and the PASS tests April 28-May 13, and high school students will be completing the EOC tests in Algebra I, English, and Biology the week of May 18. Ms. Barr and her team did an outstanding job in test administration, and we had no testing violations.
* **District Comprehensive Site Visit Report:** The final School Response that was sent to the district is attached.
* **Annual School Report to Parents:** The report (attached) was disseminated on April 30th and uploaded to the School Improvement Council website.
* **ESOL Mock Audit:**  The district conducted a mock audit or our English Language Learner program and staff’s understanding and knowledge of how to meet the needs of English Language Learners. The auditor had high praise for our program and the staff’s implementation of the program. Mrs. Kattia Chaves, our ESOL Coordinator, has done a tremendous job in ensuring that we are exemplars for other schools.
* **Feasibility Study:** A draft feasibility study by Eide-Bailly was reviewed by Michael Kirby of Raymond-James, Les Wicks, and Dr. Wicks. Comments have been submitted to Eide-Bailly for them to finalize the study and submit to the USDA. The final report will be distributed to the Board.
* **Summer Reading Camp Funding:** Please see the attached document from the SCPCSD regarding funding for the 2015 Summer Reading Camp and our Summer Reading Camp Plan.
* **Boys & Girls Club Proposal:** See attached proposal for an after-school program in the 2015-16 school year. The Board will need to decide whether or not to approve this proposal.
* **Talent Show:** Our first school-wide talent show will be held on Thursday, May 21, 6:00pm, in the student dining hall. More than 60 students are competing.
* **Field Days:** Field Days will be held on May 27 (K-5), May 28 (6-8), and May 29 (high school). A variety of entertaining outdoor events have been planned.
* **Moving-Up Ceremonies:** The kindergarten promotion ceremony will take place on June 1, 9:30am in the student dining hall, followed by refreshments. The 5th grade bridging ceremony will take place on June 2, 9:30am in the student dining hall, followed by refreshments. The 8th grade promotion ceremony will take place on June 3, 9:30am in the student dining hall, followed by refreshments.
* **May newsletter:** The newsletteris attached.
  + **Boys and Girls Club Proposal -** The Board requested a presentation from Mr. Protz at the June Board meeting on how this program would benefit the children of our school as well as surrounding neighborhoods.
  + **Motion to Amend Agenda-** A motion to amend the agenda was made by Brandi Freeman and seconded by Amleht Alston to discuss the vacant Board seat because of the loss of Vicky Roberts.
  + **Absent Board Seat** - The Board discussed going back to the nominees from the last election, bringing other suggestions to the June Board meeting, and presenting a ballot in August. Decisions will be made at the June Board meeting.
* **Public Comment** – No public comment.
* **Executive Session**- None
* **Motion to Adjourn** – A motion to adjourn was made by Sheree Darien at 7:23 pm and was seconded by Brandi Freeman. The motion was unanimously approved.