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RLOACS Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes January 16, 2018

Present: Dr. Rob McBrayer, Chair; Eunice Spilliards, Vice-Chair; Kelli Boniecki, Secretary; Brandi Freeman, Treasurer; Amleht Alston- phone; Anne Bridgers; Sergio Nuno; Deanne Spikes; Dr. Karen Wicks, Executive Director; Les Wicks, Facilities Development

Absent: Joan Rountree

Venue: Student Dining Hall

A quorum was present.

☐ **Old business:**

- **Open Meeting** - The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by Vice-Chair Eunice Spilliards. Eunice Spilliards made a motion to approve the agenda. Sergio Nuno seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- **Approval of Minutes** – A motion was made by Eunice Spilliards and seconded by Sergio Nuno to accept the minutes of the November 21st, 2017 Board Meeting and the motion carried.

☐ **Public Comment** – No public comment.

☐ **RLOA Mission Statement** – Eunice Spilliards and Karen Wicks jointly read the mission statement of RLOACS.

☐ **New business:**

- **Counting of Ballots for Board Seats-** Rountree 33 votes, Alston 33 votes, McBrayer 31 votes, Freeman 21 votes, Gould 20 votes. Amleht Alston was re-elected to the board, Brandi Freeman was elected to the board, and Joan Rountree was elected to the board.
- **Finance Report for November 2017 – BUDGET REPORT** Lines 24: Add other Federal sources- E-rate Credit of \$8,718. Lines 68: Increased budget by \$50 to zero out line. Lines 106: Increased budget by \$20,230. Lines 119: Increased budget by \$5K for a total of \$15,000. Lines 190: The November fund balance came to (\$348,691.46) which is an increase from the



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October fund balance of \$109,654. This is largely due to the SC Community Loan being paid in full.

- **Finance Report for December 2017- BUDGET REPORT** Lines 104: Increased by \$5K. Lines 155: Decreased by \$10K. Lines 190: December 2017 find balance came to (317,606) which is a decrease of \$31,085 from the November fund balance.
- Jenny Holland and David King from KM Consulting reviewed the November and December finance reports. The Chair called for the Board's approval of the November and December financials. Brandi Freeman made a motion to approve the November and December financials and Deanne Spikes seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Executive Session – Brandi Freeman was voted in as Treasurer of the board. Chair Rob McBrayer made a motion to elect Freeman as chair and Sergio Nuno second the vote.

Update on New Campus Financing – We are anticipating February 2018 closing pending the arrival of the Take Out Letter from USDA Columbia office.

☐ School Updates-

ELEMENTARY

Our teachers are conducting MAP testing this week and next week, and we are encouraged by the results. Our staff has been working hard to develop instructional strategies in literacy, math and project based learning. We look forward to hosting Literacy Night on February 1, 2018 from 6:00-7:30. Our theme will be Good Night, Knights and students are encouraged to wear their pajamas. Our goal is to share literacy ideas with families to encourage reading at home.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Middle school students are completing MAP testing for Winter 2017. Preliminary data indicates that approximately 56% of students met their Winter growth goals in Reading. That is 15 percentage points away from our 70+% goal for students meeting and exceeding MAP Reading Goals. It should be noted that Elementary is equally as close, with an average 54.76% of students meeting their Winter growth Goals in Reading.

HIGH SCHOOL

All High School exams will be administered 1/17 and 1/18, giving students a few extra days to make up for bad weather days. EOC for English I and Biology I will be administered at this time as well. The second semester will begin on Monday, January 22. Students with 9-GR 2016 will take either the SAT or the ACT here at school. We will be administering both. This is the first year that students have a choice in which one they wish to take.

SPED

"Royal Knights News" is a project our middle and high school students are working on. The students are helping to identify the goals, timelines, job duties, and expectations as they relate to curriculum and



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standards. The goal is to increase awareness of daily events surrounding us and to improve students' communication and presentation skills.

TITLE III/ESOL

We had an impressive number of parents join us for the annual Title III meeting. The program consisted of student performances in which they were able to demonstrate their improved language skills. Students who did not speak a word of English when they arrived on our campus this year were able to perform well.

"Seeing Through Your Eyes" is the project that 6-8 grades are working on this month. They are pre-writing, visiting historic locations in Beaufort County, and publishing photographs with final drafts on their learning about history and photography workshop. All other grades are being supported in their language development on science, social studies, ELA, and math standards in the vocabulary, reading, math, and writing centers.

Noted Title III expert Gail Rogers will be providing the January 19th professional development session on Title III requirements for all teachers in preparation for the State Audit.

TITLE I

After three months of pressing the district for a Title I allocation based on the 5th day count, in December we finally received our correct allocation amount, \$677,320, compared with \$686,000 last year. Our school plan was uploaded into the state application right before Winter Break. Job certifications were completed by Title I-paid employees and the school survey begins this month.

PBL/PLTW

PBL Professional Development was completed with elementary teachers during our last December professional development session. It was a great success and many teachers are already beginning to implement the concepts in their classrooms. Other teachers are still in the planning phases but have been tasked with completing their first project within the next month. In addition, a select group of high school and middle school teachers attended the professional development session (all teachers were not able to attend due to HS and MS having their own scheduled session that day).

YOUNG SCHOLARS

High School Young Scholars have decided to participate in the Odyssey of the Mind competition in Columbia, SC upon the request of the students and their lack of desire to participate in the Model UN competition. The Odyssey of the Mind competition better fits their academic and competitive interests. They are extremely excited to begin working on their challenges for the competition. Foregoing the Model UN competition will also save funds that could be allotted to other activities and resources for the students. Additionally, the Middle School Young Scholars have begun to prepare for their spring Model UN competition. Mr. Dixon and Ms. Traynham have been discussing how they can mold the middle school students and prepare them to effectively compete at the HS level in Model UN (and want to participate).



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GUIDANCE

The EEDA 1st quarter report has been completed and submitted.

Attendance meetings have begun. All teachers are still not taking attendance daily, as they should, so the leaders are working on this accountability with teachers. January attendance letters are being mailed.

Juniors and Seniors will be participating in a college tour to Clemson University and Erskine University on January 30, 2018.

Second Semester Senior conferences have been scheduled. Junior IGP's will begin in February.

The SCOIS career software requisition has been submitted.

TECHNOLOGY

Ms. Moore developed a list of the devices and licenses we would like to have covered under Category 2 of E-Rate. The list will allow us to bid out management of our devices and services to a third-party company.

We ordered screens and cases to repair many of the damaged Chromebooks, in preparation for testing season. We will be placing another order soon for batteries and chargers for the laptops. Repairs will be completed by the Middle School Computer Repair Club. Also, replacement batteries for the walkie-talkies have been ordered.

The bell system for the high school classes was set up.

OTHER

Finance:

Jasper County School District has not yet paid the \$80,072.77 invoice for the work completed to bring the abandoned buildings and surrounding areas in fire safety compliance.

The Add-Ons for Academic Assistance numbers were finally corrected on 1-11-18 after multiple requests for the district to correct the problem.

National School Choice Week

We will celebrate National School Choice Week January 21-27 with a host of events and activities, including a busload of students participating in the Statehouse event on January 24th.

Prom

We have a possible location for prom at a good price. The students have chosen the theme of "Under the Stars." Fundraising has been going well for the event. The students meet weekly during lunch on Wednesdays to discuss the details. This week, we will make lists for the food and decorations we will need.

Graduation

We are waiting to hear back from the Creative Church about the cost for using their facility again this year. Ms. Moore was informed that the cost will likely go up, so she is also looking into other location options. Vamshi Rudrapati (Mr. V.), Director of the Charter Institute at Erskine, has



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agreed to be our keynote speaker this year.

Senior Trip

Ms. Moore is working with a travel agent to plan and book the trip. We will likely try to book the hotel and purchase tickets sometime this month. Students have been making payments since September.

Robotics

The robotics teams are scheduled to go to four competitions in January and February. We have one team that has already qualified to go to the state championships in March.

Sports

Middle school boys and girls and varsity boy's basketball teams continue with their seasons. Middle school teams will finish by the end of January. Varsity will continue into February. Spring sports - soccer and track & field - will begin practices the last week of January. These sports are offered to boys and girls grades seven through twelve.

- ☐ **Executive Director's Report** - Dr. Wicks noted the following:
 - Dr. Wick's shared the RLOA, in Pictures Powerpoint presented during the November 30, 2017 Charter School Transfer Meeting in Columbia.
 - Current enrollment for 2017-18 SY is hovering at 640 with 110 on a waiting list.
 - Dr. Wicks brought to the board consideration in changing employee employment agreements from At Will to Contractual. A motion was made by Chair McBrayer to change employee agreements from At Will to Contractual. Sergio Nuno seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- ☐ **Other Business** – No other business was conducted.
- ☐ **Motion to Adjourn** – With no further business to discuss, at 7:50pm Chair McBrayer made a motion to adjourn. Brandi Freeman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.