



Board of Directors Meeting February 9, 2008

Present: Dr. Stylianou, Mr. J. Couchell, Mr. Peroulas, Mr. Ward, Ms. Rademacher, Dr. Gutierrez

Also attending: Ms. Dellinger-Holton, Ms. Fortune, Ms. Hulsen, Ms. Tipton (PFI), Mr. Deason, Mr. Deese, Dr. Bongartz (U. of Cologne), Mr. Weber, Mr. Hertz (architect), Ms. Davis, Ms. Miller, Ms. Mabon, Ms. Harris, Ms. Betler

1. Mr. Peroulas called the meeting to order at 6:45pm.
2. Motion: *Approve January minutes* (Stylianou/Gutierrez). Passed unanimously.
3. Ms. Dellinger-Holton presented her principal's report (separate document).
 - a) Ms. Dellinger-Holton introduced Dr. Bongartz, who is here from the University of Cologne (Germany) to assess oral proficiency in Greek (SOPA test). Dr. Bongartz described the process that will be used for the purpose of the assessment.
 - b) Ms. Dellinger-Holton presented information regarding the lottery (to be held tomorrow).
 - c) Motion: *Approve \$400 for job fair, recruitment, and advertising (banner plus Charlotte Observer)* (Ward/Gutierrez). Passed unanimously.
 - d) Motion: *Approve up to \$1,600 for the purchase of a 6 month use of the Northwest Evaluation Association software* (Gutierrez/Ward). Passed unanimously.
4. Ms. Fortune presented her assistant principal's report (separate document).
 - a) Ms. Fortune presented a plan for after school tutoring and enrichment.

In the ensuing discussion, the Board asked that the services provided address the needs of both students who need tutoring as well as those who need enrichment opportunities.

To do: Ms. Fortune will revise plan to incorporate Board's comments.

5. Mr. Hertz presented preliminary plans for the building of the Middle School and the additional classrooms and gym needed for the Elementary School.
6. Recommendations from Executive Committee
 - a) Motion: *Publish Board minutes on website* (Stylianou/Gutierrez). Passed unanimously.
 - b) Motion: *Approve the plan for Summer Camps as submitted by Ms. Hulsen* (Stylianou/Ward). Passed unanimously.
 - c) Motion: *Approve expenditure for up to \$1,000 for sending four teachers to the NC Charter Schools Conference* (Stylianou/Rademacher). Passed unanimously.
 - d) Mr. Couchell updated the Board on the lawsuit against CMS. The lawsuit should be resolved soon.

In addition, he presented a proposed lawsuit by the NC Institute for Constitutional Law against the State DPI demanding funding for charter school facilities.

Motion: *Socrates Academy will join the lawsuit by the NC Institute for Constitutional Law* (Couchell/Rademacher). Passed unanimously.

7. BOD Committee Reports
 - a) Finance: Mr. Couchell gave a budget report (document available at the school office).

Motion: *Approve the budget changes as proposed* (Peroulas/Gutierrez). Passed unanimously.
 - b) Grounds & Facilities: There is no time to build a building for the elementary school extension. Possible choices for accommodating the need for 3 additional classrooms in 2009-2010 include:
 - o Temporary use of modular classrooms. One concern is that, once the modular units are in place, they may become permanent. This may be addressed by using a fixed short-term rent agreement and by ensuring that the placement of

the modular units does not interfere with more permanent construction.

- Use of space available in the existing building. This would allow enough time to build a more permanent extension but would result in crowded conditions.

To do: Have a meeting of the Executive Committee with Mr. George Couchell as soon as possible and report back to the Board.

c) Marketing: As per zoning office, we are allowed to have a permanent sign in the ground. We will move on with an application to the zoning office.

8. Ms. Tipton presented a report on behalf of the PFI.

a) Motion: *Allow the students to dress up for Spring picture day* (Gutierrez/Couchell). Passed unanimously.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 9:43pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Antonis Stylianou,
Secretary