



**Board of Directors Meeting
April 13, 2011**

Present: Mr. Peroulas, Mr. Couchell, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Mitchell, Mrs. Tipton, Mr. Christenbury, Mr. Nixon, Dr. Stylianou

Also attending: Mrs. Dellinger-Holton, Ms. Suzanne Fortune, Mr. Patrick Lynch, Ms. Patricia Couchell, Mr. Andy Harper, Mrs. Dana Harper, Mrs. Lisa Weber, Mrs. Maria Diamantis, Mr. James Islam, Mrs. Donna Islam, Mrs. Aphrodite Davis, Mrs. Erin Butler, Mrs. Stephanie Haney, Mrs. Brandie Cornell, and Mrs. Daniese Ingram.

1. Mr. Peroulas called the meeting to order at 7:15.
2. Public Forum –No speakers.
3. Consent Items - Motion to approve the March BOD Meeting Minutes (Stylianou/Nixon).
Approved unanimously.
4. Facilities & Grounds Committee Report
 - a. Update on the loan, purchase of the current buildings and McInnis property, and the interim/Middle School buildings-Dr. Stylianou
 - i. House is currently being demolished, we have received construction bids for the new school that can complete by August 1st, have contracted with an architect for the middle school, have bids from engineering companies, next step to develop a site plan for the property, want a 2 story building, soccer field, parking, and road to connect to Simfield Rd.

5. Principal's Report

1. Summer hours for Staff:

June 20 - 30, 2011	8:30 am until 3:30 pm
July 1 – July 29, 2011	9 am until 3 pm Four days per week (Staff members alternating so office is open five days per week)
August 1-12, 2011	8:30 am until 3:30 pm

If the Board approves this summer schedule for staff, we are requesting that this schedule stands each summer until the Board notifies the Office Staff differently.

Motion to approve the administrative schedule above and to approve it going forward in future years (Tipton/Nixon). Approved unanimously.

Mrs. DH-A day was left off the school year calendar by accident. She recommends to have that day made up on June 13th. The staff will already be working a ½ day.

Motion to approve June 13th as an additional school day that was left off the calendar (Nixon/Johnson). Approved unanimously.

6. PE

P.E Uniform Proposal

Submitted by Crystal McClanahan (PE Teacher) and the Uniform Committee

As our students grow and mature, it is becoming increasingly important for them to create segregation between their school uniform and a physical education uniform. Their school uniforms provide a very respectful façade for our students; however due to the lack of mobility, often cause difficulties in participation in physical activity.

In part, due to increased sweating and body odor due to our students entering puberty, several parents have requested that we consider at minimum a separate shirt for P.E. We have also had issues in which children have either split or torn their pants through no fault of their own while participating.

Mrs. Tipton and I have discussed several opportunities. One that seemed quite viable was to simply reduce the logo for our spirit shirt (which has already been approved) and add the text “PHYSICAL EDUCATION” to differentiate; another option may be to use the formal logo with added text. Mrs. Stefanie Haney and I are already planning a large t-shirt order for summer camp activities; with approval to use the same printer, this may be an excellent opportunity to get these shirts printed at a significant discount.

Another issue was the pants or bottoms of the uniform. Through our discussion, we identified 2 opportunities. We could provide a VERY strict guideline as to what is acceptable to wear (specific color sweats, shorts (no shorter than 2” above the knee), and what is not; the other opportunity would also be available for students to purchase these through the school. If we were able to get them printed at a highly discounted rate, and sale them at a slightly higher rate, this may be a great way to continue to fund the athletics department.

Several Disadvantages:

- When would students change? Possible solution: If there is only 1 period between advisory and PE, students could be allowed to attend 1 academic subject in their PE uniform.
- Where would they change? At present, our best option would be in the bathroom during their lunch and advisory time, then change out at the end of their class (with the exception of the final PE period). This is all very dependent on the final schedule. After finalization of the 2011-2012 schedule, we can further discuss the most appropriate time for changing out.
- Where would they store their uniforms? We suggested small cubbies, much smaller than those in the elementary classroom (tennis-shoe size) to be stored in the gym. Each student would be assigned a cubby (both 6th & 7th grade) in which they would be allowed to store their PE uniform/School Uniform during their class Period
- How much time could potentially be detracted from P.E.? Unfortunately this could detract 10 minutes from class (5 to change into uniforms, and five minutes to change out of). This will no longer be an issue in the second phase of the middle school building, but for now would certainly need strong consideration.

Considerations for Bottoms

- No shorter than 2” above knee
- Must be solid black (with no obvious inappropriate placement of writing)

- Capri, short, yoga-style, mesh basketball shorts, sweat pants, warm-up pants are acceptable

Decision was made to table this until the May BOD meeting.

7. Before/After School Director's Report

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After School Director Report

- a. There are currently **44 scholars** enrolled in the Before and After Care Program.

Wednesday March 9, 2011 – Tuesday April 5, 2011: **\$12,559.00**

August 2010 – April 5, 2011: \$ 76,314.50 deposited

- b. There are 103 Scholars are enrolled in the Spring Session of After School Enrichment.
Fall Session 2010: 152 scholars
Winter Session 2011: 148 scholars
- c. There are 32 campers enrolled in Summer Camp as of Tuesday April 5, 2011. Communications team has sent an email asking parents to help promote by distributing fliers.
- d. Contracts are currently being written for the Summer Vendors.

Looking Forward:

- e. The After School Director is planning to invite the vendors for afterschool to participate in Open House for the 2011- 2012 school year.
 - f. Based on Spring Enrollment the After School Director is planning on offering After School Enrichment Fall and Winter Sessions for the 2011-2012 School year. The sessions will be lengthened to between 12 – 15 weeks, calendar permitting.
 - g. After School Director is working on proposal to increase/restructure the afterschool fees for the 2011 – 2012 School year to be presented at June Board Meeting.
8. PFI President's Report-Presented by Daniese Ingram
- a. Officers have been selected from the recent election
 - b. There were \$7200 of products sold from the book fair we took \$1000 for the media center, Mrs. Mabon to select books.
 - c. Looking into doing hot lunches 3 days a week if we have adequate space
9. Foundation Development Director's Report
- a. Updated on Fundraising efforts see April dashboard attached
 - b. Using a promotions company for the golf tournament to help raise more money
 - c. Tournament to be held at Olde Sycamore May 22nd.

10. Committee Reports

- a. Budget Finance Committee

Budget/Finance Committee BOD Report for April 2011

1. Budget

- **Mike met with Administration on Monday to discuss the 2011-2012 budget framework they have put together.**
- **We will present a couple of different budget scenarios to the BOD for selection and approval at the BOD retreat.**

2. BB&T Request

- **Mike was contacted by BB&T stating they want to start the process of moving all of the Academy's accounts to their bank per the loan agreement.**
- **BB&T wants to be our primary bank.**
- **We need to understand exactly what we committed to.**
- **Need to also make sure that any sum over \$250K will be insured by the FDIC.**
- **Motion is to transfer the main banking account to BB&T by July 30th (Mitchell/Stylianou). Approved unanimously.**

b. Curriculum & Instruction

- i. Discussion took place with Dr. Stylianou explaining the recommendation to increase the length of the middle school by 15 minutes.

c. Marketing & Public Relations

- i. Approved the golf registration and sponsorship form to put on the website and in the kids folders.

11. Motion to adjourn 10:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Mitch Christenbury