

Westside Atlanta Charter School Minutes

January 8, 2015

Present – Terrell, Julius, Greg, Chuck, Monica, Christie, Hannah, Adrien, Justin, Stanton, Peter, John, Sharita, Lori, Rosella, Paige, Laura Flynn Heller via Lync video, Pete, Cobb

- I. Call to Order (7 pm)
 - a. Intro to Laura Flynn Heller (new hire for 2015-16)
- II. Adoption of December Minutes (7-7:05)
 - a. Motion by Terrell to adopt, second by Cobb, unanimous approval
- III. Principal's Report (7:05-7:30)
 - a. Dashboard
 - i. First day of New Year class canceled due to sprinkler riser leak
 - ii. Five 1st/2nd graders left over break for various reasons
 1. Wait list students should fill spots; mid-year wait list is short for these grades and parents interested in these grades should be encouraged to contact the school.
 - iii. March FTE count
 - iv. On-going recruiting through WACS web, GCSA web, Ed Surge web, and Atlanta University Center Job Fair Feb 24th
 - v. 3 teachers attending National Association of Science Teachers Conf in Chicago in March; funded by APS (federal) funds
 - vi. Registration open 2 days and is strong
 - vii. Jan 30th GCSA Leadership Conf – Julius, Hannah to attend
 - viii. Family Council Hawk's game Sun, Jan 25th 3pm
 - ix. Sat, Feb 7th open house 10am-12noon
 - x. Martin Luther King Day of Service to partner with Senior Center (Feb 19th holiday) and include Alveda King
- IV. Community Council Update (7:30 – 7:35)
 - a. Community Council / Community Outreach Committee Board Committee to add parents focusing on 1) relevant legislation and 2) PR.
 - b. Adrien is working especially with third grade to engage parents, for instance through childcare or evening teacher conferences.
- V. Committee Reports
 - a. Finance Committee (7:35-7:40)
 - i. December Financial Report delayed due to school closure and reclassification of some expenses on auditor's recommendation.
 - ii. Reports will be ready for Finance Committee meeting Jan 14th and then distributed to board.

- iii. Auditor helped fine-tune financial support position job description to facilitate required segregation of duties and will sign off that his expectations have been met.
- b. Development Committee (7:40-7:45)
 - i. Have moved to bi-monthly meetings Feb 13 and Apr 10.
- c. Governance Committee (7:45-7:50)
 - i. Board 2015 Strategic Planning Update – considering which facilitator to use and date.
- d. Education Committee (7:50-7:55)
 - i. Past Tuesday meeting discussing MAP preliminary results
 - ii. February meeting will present to entire board
- e. Community Relations Committee (7:55-8:00)
 - i. Request to map registrations by end of January to see if any neighborhood holes.
 - ii. Will be distributing take-home cards describing next open house.
 - iii. “Bring a friend day” idea.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION (8:00-9:00)

- a. Motion by Terrell to move to Executive Session to discuss facility negotiations and personnel, second Hannah, unanimous approval.