

Board Meeting Minutes

Organization: Pride Academy Charter School Board Meeting
President: Dr. Randall Richards
Time: 7:07 pm
Place: 650 Valley Street
Date: September 9, 2008
Minute Taker: Ms. Jodi Cenac
Board Members Present: Ms. Albert, Mr. Brown, Mr. Mitchell, Dr. Richards, Mr. Tiggs
Others Present: Ms. Dumenigo, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Quinn, Mr. Karanja, Mr. Joel
Absent:

This meeting was publicized in the following papers: Newark Star Ledger, Orange Record, Newark Leader, East Orange Transcript

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

October , 2008- Board Meeting

Topic	Discussion	Outcome
I. Welcome	Greetings and introductions by Board members	
II. Call to Order/Pledge	Dr. Richards called the meeting to order at 7:07pm. Roll call was done by Dr. Richards Due to absence of flag, pledge will be tabled Announcement of publications- Ms. Dumenigo	
III. Principal's Address	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are still a lot of challenges but we are still here. • Last week we spent 2 ½ days- one with 5/6th grades and the other with 7/8th grades • We have had two full days when the students change classes • Today(9/9/08) we dealt with a leak and a rainy day which affected our recess • We had two parent meetings- both well attended, lots of parent interest and volunteer interest. Parents have been very understanding especially with transportation and uniform • Newark reimburses transportation, East Orange provided their transportation, we are still working with Orange to meet their transportation responsibilities • We need to be on top of the facility progress so that dates don't get easily pushed back • We still need to get our phones installed • Ms. Dumenigo and Mrs. Thomas currently don't have an office space of their own so they are sharing or using other available spaces • Mrs. Thomas confirmed that by the end of the school day on Friday (9/12/2008) they will be dis-enrolled 	
IV. Introduction Of Mr. Karanja	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Dumenigo introduced Mr. Karanja as the school 	

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	Treasurer	
V. September Bill List	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill list items will have to be approved at the next meeting • One of the challenges is that we are a new school and we don't have a line of credit • Sue Becker has charged items such as the networking to her personal credit card and needs to be reimbursed \$3,000, she also paid for the computers \$21,000 using her credit card • Some supplies needed to be purchased \$14,000+ • Janitorial supplies needed to be purchased as well, we had a \$260 gift card to Target and we used that to purchase supplies • Total bill costs \$39,000+ <p>Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Pride Academy Charter School approve the September Bill List</p>	<p>Moved: Ms. Albert Seconded: Mr. Brown</p> <p>Vote: Mr. Mitchell – in favor Mr. Brown – in favor Ms. Albert- in favor Dr. Richards- in favor Mr. Tiggs- in favor</p> <p>Decision: Motion carried</p>

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<p>VI. Approval of Staff Hiring</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curtis Yarborough and Katherine Wilcox- we need to make sure their certifications are in order since they are both from a different state (Florida and Rhode Island) we need a resolution to apply for a sub certificate while we wait for their formal certifications to come in • Mr. Dunn new English teacher • Marla Staly- instructional aide to assist in the inclusion classes <p>Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Pride Academy Charter School approve the Staff Hiring</p>	<p>Moved: Mr. Mitchell Seconded: Mr. Brown</p> <p>Vote: Mr. Mitchell – in favor Mr. Brown – in favor Ms. Albert- in favor Dr. Richards- in favor Mr. Tiggs- in favor</p> <p>Decision: Motion carried</p>
<p>VII. Approval of Special Education Policies and Documents</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The only thing that has changed is that we are not doing pulling out services, instead we have inclusion classes • There were some editing revisions done • Some discussion about the IR&S team and how it worked <p>Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Pride Academy Charter School approve the Special Education Policies and Documents</p>	<p>Moved: Ms. Albert Seconded: Mr. Brown</p> <p>Vote: Mr. Mitchell – in favor Mr. Brown – in favor Ms. Albert- in favor Dr. Richards- in favor Mr. Tiggs- in favor</p> <p>Decision: Motion carried</p>

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VIII. Approval for Food Service Contract Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to rising costs of food, prices are going up so as a result the price of lunch has gone up. • We needed to change our contract to reflect the change in price- from \$2.25 to \$2.30 • Students will still be able to qualify for free lunch because the price falls within the guidelines • Some editing revisions also noted <p>Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Pride Academy Charter School approve the Food Service Contract Change</p>	<p>Moved: Ms. Albert Seconded: Mr. Brown</p> <p>Vote: Mr. Mitchell – in favor Mr. Brown – in favor Ms. Albert- in favor Dr. Richards- in favor Mr. Tiggs- in favor</p> <p>Decision: Motion carried</p>
IX. New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fundraising Ideas for the school • Work with the parent organization • Possibly have a sub-committee on the Board to work on grant writing and research other ways to raise money for the school • Ms. Albert, Mr. Joel, Mr. Mitchell volunteered to serve on the committee • Mrs. Quinn brought up the issue of the building- things have seemed to slow down and there are concerns that the building will not be ready for the timeline that was promised • Board members advised to wait until payment has been made and then we should request a copy of the contract to review the contractual terms 	
IX. Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We want to increase our Board members so if anyone knows of any interest please refer them to Dr. Richards, Mrs. Thomas, or Ms. Dumenigo 	
XIX. Comments from the Public	None	
XX. Adjournment	Motion to Adjourn at 9:06 pm by Ms. Albert Seconded by Mr. Brown Voting: All in favor Meeting adjourned at 9:06pm	