

**Cape Fear Center for Inquiry
Minutes of the continuing meeting
March 20, 2007**

Attended by: Barrett, Brinkley, Currier, Frazier, Griffin, Hair, Harrison, Hassell, Ingle, Kelejian, Lemons-Matney, Rack, Tripp, West

Absent: Barker, Patterson, Radack, Partnership

Visitors: Ginny Peterson, Teresa Gilbert, Jackie Miercarski, John Fuller

Sarah Currier called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Michelle Frazier motioned to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2007 meeting as submitted. René Lemons-Matney seconded and the motion passed.

Visiting Faculty:

None

Visiting Community Members:

Teresa Gilbert addressed the board regarding a proposal for an after-school program for CFCI. A written proposal will be submitted and circulated to the board prior to the April meeting.

Partnership Update:

No report.

Director's Report:

Lisa Griffin presented a report to the board which included the following highlights:

- Total enrollment for 2007-08 could reach 360 as per the board's prior approval to increase enrollment by two seats to each kindergarten, second and fourth grade classroom.
- The appraisal for our property and proposed building is coming in a little low at this time.
- Discussion regarding sewer at the property is continuing. Otho Tucker is trying to obtain a letter of commitment for sewer tie-in from the developers of adjacent property.

Finance Committee:

Lisa Hassell presented minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of March 15. Lori Barrett also addressed the board.

- Committee discussion continues on the budget for the 2007-08 school year. A proposed budget will be circulated to the board before the next meeting.

- The feasibility study (\$16,000) would need to come from the unallocated funds in our current year budget.
- No further information has been received from Kirby Builders regarding their bills.
- There would be a small surplus in the budget at 360 ADM.

The board approved the recommendation to renew the school's contract with Acadia Northstar.

The board also approved the recommendation to increase the salary of long-term substitute, Teresa Spanos, to the state salary scale daily rate for her education and experience.

Personnel Committee:

No report.

Otho Tucker:

Dr. Tucker was not able to attend tonight's meeting.

Strategic Plan:

Rob Tripp presented a Power Point presentation to the board on behalf of the Strategic Planning committee. Results of last year's survey and recommendations for Strategic Plan priorities were outlined. The presentation also will be shown at the upcoming Town Meeting/Community Forum.

Town Meeting/Community Forum:

A Town Meeting/Community Forum will be held on Tuesday, March 27 in the multipurpose room. The meeting, to be facilitated by Kirsten Atkinson of Community Mediation Center, will allow the CFCI community the opportunity to address the board with questions or concerns. The board will record the questions and respond by posting answers on the school's website (cfc.net).

Ad hoc (new) for Review of Administrative Structure:

Board members Sarah Currier, Dr. Eddie West and Jane Radack volunteered to serve on this committee.

Ad hoc (old) for Review of Committee Structure:

Item tabled.

René Lemons-Matney motioned to extend the meeting by one-half hour. Lisa Hassell seconded and the motion passed. The meeting was extended to 9:30pm.

Board Recruitment:

The board will need someone to take over board recruitment from past member, Nancy Kachadurian. It was agreed that getting word out to parents is important. Rob Tripp will coordinate the effort to find new board applicants.

Founder's seat:

Lisa Griffin spoke to the importance of having continuity and historical perspective on the board. Joanne Brinkley moved to establish an *ex-officio* founder's seat for that purpose. Lisa Hassell seconded and the motion passed. Parameters for the seat will be established at a later meeting.

Rob Tripp motioned to adjourn. Lisa Hassell seconded and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm.

*Respectfully submitted by:
Lisa Feldi Ingle
Board Secretary*