

Jacksonville Lighthouse Charter School
Board Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2012

Members Present: Keri Urquhart, Dr. Anderson, Angie Curran, Val Yagos, and Kevin McCleary.

There were members of the community present for the general meeting.

The general meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Keri Urquhart.

Minutes from January were presented and Dr. Anderson moved to approve. Curran seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Public Comments:

Mike Wilson reported on the legal issues in the courts currently. Charter Schools have the right to defend themselves against the LRSD. A response has been filed for all Charter Schools. It is before the Federal Court now. This is very important to our Charter. Pressure is being applied to the Atty General and the Governor to end the deseg case altogether. Chamber sent a resolution requesting to stop deseg under the PCSD. Race can no longer be a factor for assignment to schools.

Mike also talked about the tutor classes online as presented by 60 Minutes. Khan Academy offered them online for free. This application may not work for elementary students.

Operations Report:

Mr. Whitfield reported for Main Campus. He reported progress on CAP. NWEA on goal to reach 150% growth. Mrs. Brooks 4th grade at 106% already. Library is growing and will soon be available to students.

Mr. McGrew reported 166 current enrollments. They have 6 mentors secured for tutors. 5 of which have showed up already. They will begin after spring break. Flightline is in countdown to ACTAP.

Recruitment Update: Registration ends Friday. Lottery for Kindergarten will be held April 4. Main is already full enrolled.

CPA report was presented. High School for next year has 75 of 75 slots filled. Looking for coaching volunteers. International Bachelorette program will be included, beyond what is offered in Little Rock. It is a 2 year program. It is done in High School, not in addition to High School. Scholars could go into college with 30 hours of credit. They

can also take online credits with scholars all over the world. It is an increased opportunity for our scholars. It will be developed over one year.

Facilities Report:

We went over the expansion options. McCleary made a motion to approve option 1A and Curran seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Option 1 A is the only plan to not use modular buildings. Mike Ronan was on the phone. Lighthouse management was asked to finance the acquisition of the plans.

Finance Reports:

Curran presented the financial summary.

McCleary moved to approve the AP report and Yagos seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment:

Dr. Anderson also mentioned we are considering hiring 2 custodians for the next year for cleaning and landscaping due to the increase in the housecleaning quote.

Meeting adjourned: March 13, at 6:44 pm.

Next Meeting: April 10, 2012 6:00 pm.

Val Yagos, Secretary


