

# Meeting Minutes



<b>Meeting Type:</b> Public Board meeting	<b>February 23, 2013</b>
<p><u>Board Members Present:</u> Kristina Eisenhardt, Calvin Stamps, Abdul Ghalayini, Craig Dean, Maher Budeir, Pam Holloway, Andrea Cooper-Gatewood</p> <p><u>Board Members Absent:</u> Nada Diab, Shuaib Ahmed</p>	<p>Recorder: Kristina Leidner-Eisenhardt</p> <p>Start: 9:10 AM</p> <p>End: 11:30 AM</p>

<b>DISCUSSION TOPICS</b>	<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>
<p><u>Election Committee</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 open 2 year terms: Calvin Stamps, Andrea Cooper Gatewood, Mulham Shbeib were elected. Thanks to all that ran and thanks to the Committee.</li> <li>• Orientation: Executive Committee, Business Committee, few personal mtgs. Looking at formalizing responsibilities.</li> </ul>	
<p><u>Business Committee</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cash is challenging until we close on the building. Waiting on reimbursement from closing and dissemination grant. Overages in rent due to Kitchen suite and repairs and maint.</li> </ul>	
<p><u>Executive Committee</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning Calendar-Strategic Planning in February, Annual Plan in March around potential funding for 2013-2014. First read in March, final plan in April. Additional meeting maybe need in April to discuss the Annual Plan.</li> <li>• Strategic Plan-2014 Vision discuss red and yellows               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most sought after school in GA-metro Atlanta and sep out elementary and middle school</li> <li>• National Blue Ribbon School-application process hinder; start after SACS</li> <li>• Need more structural aspects for parents-informative</li> <li>• Mobilize parent participation into Ambassadors-must have in light of renewal</li> <li>• Seek more opportunities for more press involvement-a dedicated person/team to do this or pr firm temp help.</li> <li>• Become a national model for EL school-need to be a site visit school for STEM</li> <li>• Expand student's capacity using technology-need resources for technology</li> <li>• Implement a framework for personal stewardship-responsive classroom training</li> <li>• Integrate STEM education and literacy into final products-more of a routine in elementary</li> <li>• Be a great place to work-working towards this through PD</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implement compensation structure for excellence-see what FC is doing around this maybe to a dual path.</li> <li>• Organize our resources and continuity-have Niki get this together. Also move to the new FC website</li> <li>• Create and implement a comprehensive FD plan-establish a robust Annual Plan having the Board Committee Chair head this up; Optimize funding around class size and teachers</li> <li>• Satisfaction survey with employees</li> <li>• Transition to more of a fundraising board-once building is bought</li> <li>• National Green Ribbon School-not sure we can achieve with the facility being purchased.</li> <li>• Leed certification-not possible now in current building</li> <li>• ED report:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ SACS Accreditation-The standards have changed. The team-Kristina Leidner-Eisenhardt, Natalie Chaudhry, Wanda McClure, Christian Harden, Niki Fox, and Ehab Jaleel. 3/5-3/6 External Review.</li> <li>○ Enrollment-4 class target per grade. Funding Thresholds-24 kids/class k-3, 30 kids/class 4-8. Potentially 4 teachers unfunded.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p><u>Facilities Committee:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This Tuesday meeting, needed for tax-exempt bond with Fulton County Development Authority. TEFRA hearing Mar 6 Commission. Then Validation hearing.</li> <li>• Underwriters need a visit to school</li> <li>• Sales Contract pushed back and amended to March 29.</li> </ul>	1.
<p><u>Fund Development Committee:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Grant-Race to the Top \$525,000 March 5<sup>th</sup> notification (KSU, Kimberly –Clark, Wesley Academy, IV Prep, Southern Tech), Dissemination Grant (Arabic and Single Gender), 7<sup>th</sup> Grade STEM list, REI grant, Bosch Community Foundation-\$5,000 for afterschool.</li> <li>• Annual Fund-slower this year. Please give. Still Waiting on Verizon, Marjac-match up to \$7500.</li> <li>• Cutter Foundation meeting and submitted a grant for \$25,000 for a Arabic Curriculum Specialist and digitize program. Hear back by March 15<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• Christina Lennon luncheon (FD specialist) talk about Fundraising, and connection with Woodruff Foundation.</li> <li>• Jan McAdams call in April</li> </ul>	
<p><u>Charter Renewal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Starting to put together the team and information. Will need more from Stakeholders in coming months. 2014 Renewal Submit by October 1. Letter of Commitment August.</li> </ul>	

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