

City Charter School  
**MINUTES**  
 Board Meeting  
 October 1, 2015

**OPEN SESSION**

- The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:15 PM by Alissa Chariton
- Names with “X” indicates that person was present:

Board of Directors			
Alissa Chariton, Chair		Craig Silvers	X
Samantha Coyne		Michelle Sorgen	
Meredith Esarey	X	Gene Straub	X
Jenna Flexner, Secretary	X	Lindsay Sturman	
Rebecca George	X	Ebony Wheaton	X
Staci Miller		Lisa Woods	X
Maggie Pulley			
Jessica Shaham	X		

City Charter School Staff & Contractors			
Valerie Braimah, Executive Director	X	Dvora Inwood, Founder	
Sheri Werner, MS Principal	X		
Spencer Styles, Charter Impact		Raul Alarcon, ES Principal	

- **Quorum:** Yes

- I. Public Comments - none
- II. Action Item: Approval of August minutes:
  - a. Moved by: Jessica Shaham
  - b. Seconded by: Jenna Flexner
  - c. Unanimously approved
- III. Executive Director Report
  - a. School Report: Student Achievement Data Reports
    - i. MS results
      - A. English scores higher than math – appx. 70% met or exceeded standards
      - B. Math scores a little lower – appx. 58% met or exceeded. New common core standards are part of the equation, and a math coach has been employed to help.
      - C. The gap between races and SES status is still present, but smaller than the last assessment, so we are moving in the right direction.

- ii. ES results
  - A. The sample was taken from 22 3<sup>rd</sup> graders only. Math of particular concern. The teachers have been doing several days of PD in math, and specialists have been working hard with the 10 kids who are underperforming.
- b. Strategic Growth Planning
  - i. Update and formation of Ad Hoc Committee to bring recommendation to the Board. Questions on the table:
    - A. Discussion of possible MS/HS merger and the timing of it.
    - B. Discussion of the future of CLIC families: would it be possible to get an admissions preference for CLIC kids to attend the MS vs. possibility of extending CLIC to a K-8.
    - C. Discussion of how to balance the HS budget
  - ii. Action Item: Create a Strategic Growth Ad Hoc committee to discuss these issues and bring a recommendation to the board. Members are Rebecca, Gene, Staci, Jessica, Craig
    - A. Moved by: Meredith Esaray
    - B. Seconded by: Michelle Sorgen
    - C. Unanimously approved
  - iii. Action Item: Approve Provisional Internship Permit (PIP) for CHS foreign language teacher. – Klara Knypinski
    - A. Moved by: Rebecca George
    - B. Seconded by: Jenna Flexner
    - C. Unanimously approved

#### IV. Finance Report

- a. ES and MS are in a good financial position
- b. HS is under enrolled, current enrollment is 64 students, so Ad Hoc committee will meet to figure out how to solve the year end \$164K deficit.
- c. Action Item: Approval of August financial package
  - i. Moved by: Jessica Shaham
  - ii. Seconded by: Rebecca George
  - iii. Unanimously approved


#### V. Facility Update

- a. MS – Meeting on October 7<sup>th</sup> to determine expedited status.
- b. MS – We also have a meeting next week with Paul Koretz, the councilman.
- c. MS – Last week they presented to the Cheviot Hills HOA.
- d. ES – CUP has been filed with City. We attended the UNCC Planning and Zoning Committee meeting, and were met with some opposition, especially by residents of Norton concerned about impacts to their street. We committed to go back to the table with the architects and see if they could come up with an alternate pick up/drop off plan. Alternate plans are undergoing a formal traffic study, and we will return to UNNC once that process is complete.
- e. Action Item: Empower ED to submit Prop 39 applications for all 3 schools
  - i. Moved by: Rebecca George
  - ii. Seconded by: Craig Silvers
  - iii. Unanimously approved

VI. Committee Updates

- a. Fundraising Committee: Board Annual Giving discussion of a 5 year giving plan for board members, with 100% participation as the primary goal.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm

  
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Jenna Flexner, Secretary, CCS

10/30/2015  
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