

Meeting Notes
Tuesday, August 16, 2016
6:45 PM

I. Call to Order: 6:45 PM

II. Roll Call (A=Absent, P=Present, E=Excused)

Zach Berman =P
Nana Boone =P
Grant Coleman =P (via conference)
Marie Davis =P
Harold Givens =P (via conference)
Curt Johnston =P
Cornell Longino =P
Rachel Sprecher =P
Stephani Wilford =P

III. Approval of Minutes

One change in minutes—missing the amount of monthly fee for Sinclair Townes

Motion: Curt Johnston

2nd: Nana Boone

Result: Unanimous

IV. Approval of Agenda

One addition—to add Wes Wicker’s presentation to the agenda

Motion: Curt Johnston

2nd: Nana Boone

Result: Unanimous

V. Public Comments

Ms. Regina Arnao asked about the teacher retention rate and the budget deficit. Board Chairman Cornell Longino responded that IAS has 32 new employees including 6 new paraprofessionals. Ms. Schrock added that last year at this time the school was not fully staffed and that there were 34 new employees last year at this time. Mr. Longino also responded that the school had balanced the budget and the board passed a budget in July that included a small surplus.

VI. Update from Wes Wicker

Mr. Wicker reported on his latest efforts for fundraising including a meeting with the Cobb Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Schrock has been invited to present to the Chairman’s Club. Additional efforts include pro-bono support from Cisco and ongoing discussions with the Rich Foundation, Cobb Community Foundation, Tull Foundation, and Goizueta Foundation among

others. Mr. Wicker also met with IAS staff and the board about donating to the annual campaign. Mr. Wicker will also attend the open houses to talk to parents and families.

VII. Reports

- a. School Advisory Council (SAC)—No report
- b. PTA- Christina Dix presented an update that there is currently \$19,000 in the bank and this year the PTA will hold 5-6 spirit nights at area restaurants in addition to the Fun Run. The Fun Run kickoff is October 24 and the run is November 2. The PTA is moving toward programs instead of selling products and will also hold the spring gala. They are also focused on selling membership and will distribute teacher grants again this year. Those interested can sign up for the newsletter on the website.
- c. School Operations—See Principals' Report. Ms. Schrock gave an update about open houses, an update on the funding area and enrollment and class sizes. Ms. Schrock also gave an update on the budget and the school may be eligible for Title I funding soon. The board also discussed a new RFP for IT services.
- d. Board Committees
 - i. Governance—Policy manual will be starting soon
 - ii. Finance—No Report
 - iii. Development—Will follow up on SPLOST and E-rate dollars available. Also, local businesses are interested in partnering with the school.
 - iv. Academic Excellence—Marie will schedule a meeting with Kari about the vision

VIII. Discussion/Action Items

- a. Charter Renewal—Close to being finished and submitted
- b. Board Calendar—The Board reviewed the calendar for the year
- c. Board Committees and Expectations—The Board went over the responsibilities of each committee
- d. Board Initiatives—The Board discussed the priorities for the year including fundraising, teacher retention, teacher appreciation, parent engagement, and visibility.
- e. Board Training—The Board discussed the required training this year. The first will be held on September 10.

IX. Board Member Comments

- a. Rachel attended the forum held by GCSA and it went well. Cornell encouraged the board to have 100% participation in the fundraising campaign by the open houses.

X. Adjourn to Executive Session: There was no need to adjourn to Executive Session.

XI. Adjourn: 9:00pm

Submitted by Rachel Sprecher, Secretary