

NEWMAN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Board Meeting MINUTES

AUGUST 22, 2016

6:30 PM

MEETING CALLED BY	Mr. Rikke Van Johnson
TYPE OF MEETING	Board Meeting
MEETING CHAIR	Mr. Rikke Van Johnson
NOTE TAKER	Mrs. Michelle Braswell
ATTENDEES	Mr. Rikke Van Johnson, Dr. Jean Peacock, Dr. Lori Collins, Dr. Jean Peacock
ABSENT	Dr. Elsa Valdez (on leave), Mrs. Veronica Amerson
GUESTS	Tom Nichols, Tien Cotter from CSMC, Mr. Jason Patterson, Principal; Mrs. Michelle Braswell, Business Manager

- I. The Board meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. by Mr. Johnson
- II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- III. Public Comments
 - No public comments
- IV. Approval of Agenda
- V. Approval of Minutes from the Previous Meeting
- VI. Principal's Report
 - Total enrolled for the school 117
 - Mr. Patterson discussed a few ways he plans to increase enrollment such as using the West Side Story newspaper, discuss using radio stations to get the word across that NLA is still enrolling. Also want staff to go out in the community to recruit. Board members advised to use some of the ministries to market such as "Win Some Wednesdays" and set up a booth for Hallelujah Night in October. The Board approved Hallelujah Night and Mr. Patterson said he will work with the church to initiate this.
 - Mr. Patterson had requested Board involvement with the school. Wants Board members to come by monthly so that staff can get to know the faces of the board members and also for the Board members to see what they are investing into with the school.
 - Mr. Patterson stated he would like to have CSMC to come out on the 15th of each month to discuss the budget and any other items that the school may have any questions to.
 - Mr. Patterson is setting up continuous education for the teachers such as Mandated Reporting along with other online courses. He is also setting up a training day for teachers

at another school to see how a model class should look. Mentioned schools like Hardy Browne and Soars Academy.

- Looking to work with Valley College to obtain Interns in the class to help with classroom management.
- Discussed short-term goals trying to reach students who were here before but parents were dissatisfied and long-term goals was to expand 7th/8th grade. Mr. Johnson had mentioned that the school should focus on increasing Transitional Kindergarten in the petition which is scheduled to renew this year.
- Board members ask Mr. Patterson about the CAASPP testing and how the school did this past year. Mr. Patterson will provide the results to the board along with the monthly progression that he has the teachers completing each month as soon as possible. Mr. Patterson also let the Board know he expects the school to be at an 80% academic rate performance and not at 67%, which is considered standard.

VII. Budget

- Mr. Nichols and Ms. Cotter discussed the Compliance Calendar and the Unaudited Report that is due to the district on August 31st. Mr. Johnson emphasized to have reports that the Board has to review in to them at least a week prior for the Board to review in a timely fashion.
- After going over the Unaudited report, it was approved. It was moved by Mr. Johnson, second by Dr. Peacock and approved by all in attendance: Mr. Rikke Van Johnson, Dr. Jean Peacock, and Dr. Lori Collins.
- Dr. Peacock wanted to know at what point does the ADA become problematic, Mr. Nichols stated that it is best for the Board to start looking at the number enrolled now and adjust the budget. The Board agreed to decrease the number from 140 to 110 enrollments. Dr. Collins ask about what solvency meant and Mr. Nichols stated it meant adjusting the budget and making cuts but that it's better to adjust the numbers if enrollment increases.

VIII. Board Comments

- The next Board meeting will be held on September 26th.

IX. Adjournment

- It was moved by Dr. Peacock and seconded by Dr. Collins that the meeting be adjourned at 8:11 PM. Approved by all in attendance: Mr. Rikke Van Johnson, Dr. Jean Peacock, Dr. Lori Collins.