

LECS SAC Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2010, 6:00-7:15
School Library

Agenda:

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Director's report
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Members Present: Ronnie DeNoia, Carol Dierksen, Greg Mellowe, John Mays, and Carrin Hahn

Members Absent: Jillian Friedman, Sharon Morell, and DeVonna Craner

Minutes Recorded By: Carrin Hahn

Carol Dierksen called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

The minutes from March were approved with one typographical error fixed.

LECS Director's Report, written and reported by Ronnie DeNoia

Building:

- Financial: \$108,394.86 is currently in the Foundation Account
- Building Report: Downtown Baptist deal fell through really not sure why, but done in a very unprofessional and disrespectful manner. We are currently looking at a property for lease by the Sentinel on Amelia and Magnolia. The site plan has already been drawn and we are awaiting pricing info; other property is on the corner of Colonial and Summerlin which we visited today. That is a purchase and would require some demo work inside to make classrooms. Also I have been in touch with the City-Daisy Lynum (cold reception there) and the OCPS Board (better reception).
- Based on some survey input, there is now a parent link on the website that describes our language arts and math curriculum (thanks to Carrin and Michele) and our grading system (thanks to Jillian); science to come
- Tallahassee trip went well-thanks John and Katherine; Washington is in process thanks to Sharon and Jillian

- Upcoming events include Portfolio Day on April 29th and the last progress reports on April 16
- It appears that we have one full time staff opening with the potential for a second and one part time opening for next year

Extra notes in addition to Ronnie's report:

- In answering Greg's question, Ronnie said that the DBC had given LECS a letter of intent. There was discussion about how the "break up" was done and about some of the conversations that Ronnie had with people. She is going to try to get the people at DBC to pay for the school's lawyers' fees and maybe for the cost of the drawings.
- The lease at the current site is extended through January 7, 2011, and it is renewable. Ronnie will not extend the lease at this time because of the possibility of another building option.
- Greg said that he heard two types of parental reactions from the news that the DBC plans fell through: 1. "Oh no, it fell through!" and 2. "I didn't know we were looking to move to a new building because I didn't know we had to be out of this one." Ronnie was frustrated to hear that some parents still don't know the building situation after all of these years.

Committee Reports

Fund Raising, written and reported by Ronnie DeNoia

- Over 50 items to date with more coming in everyday and from a variety of sources. Parent outreach needs to step up
- We will be sending home info on baskets within the next two weeks

After School Committee, reported by Carol Dierksen

- Carol had nothing to report.

Business Partners Committee

- DeVonna was not present, and she left no report.

Curriculum Committee, reported by Greg Mellowe

- Greg said he had nothing to report. He asked if Ronnie or Carrin knew of anything, and they both said no.

Technology Committee, reported by John Mays

- John said he is trying to finalize a date for a Saturday cleanup.

Old Business

- Ronnie brought the surveys, and she said she was happy with the aggregate results.
- She went over the data and pointed out some of the low numbers: free and open communication with administration, fair and consistent discipline, and the building's condition.
- Ronnie read over the comments, and she noted that the Cluster 2 parents had lots of things to say. When Greg said he hoped there would be more information to learn, Ronnie said that there were more comments than ever before, even though the number of completed surveys was lower than normal.
- For the School Improvement Plan, the after school activities, the building's condition, math, and reading will be addressed.
- Greg and Ronnie talked about how PTSA is working on getting a plan together again to explain the workings of this school to new and Cluster 1 parents.
- Greg asked about merit pay, and there was a bit of discussion about it. Ronnie said there is no reason to worry about that until the governor signs that legislation, and then everyone needs to wait and see what really happens with merit pay.

New Business

- There was no new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, May 3, 2010, in the school library.