



FirstLine Schools Board Meeting Minutes
November 29, 2011
4:00 – 6:00 pm
Langston Hughes Academy

In Attendance: Dana Peterson, Stephen Rosenthal, Alison Hartman, Brian Egana, Gregory St. Etienne, Charleen Blache and Catherine Pierson.

Staff in Attendance: Jay Altman, Brett Hunt, Adrian Morgan, Shailendra Baghel, David Durand, and Rebekah Cain

Public in Attendance: Dr. Monique Cola and Patricia Hillard

Absent: Darleene Peters (attended via phone) and Lawrence Kullman

Dana Peterson called the meeting to order at 4:08pm.

- 1) Approval of Minutes from October 25, 2011 Board of Directors Meeting
 - (a) Gregory St. Etienne moved to approve the minutes. Alison Hartman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- 2) Finance Report was presented by Stephen Rosenthal, noting that a full finance committee report will be presented at the next board meeting.
 - (a) Catherine Pierson motioned to add Shailendra Baghel as a check signer for FirstLine Schools. Gregory St. Etienne seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
 - (b) Adrian Morgan committed to presenting the Clark Prep budget at the monthly Joseph S. Clark Community Council meeting which takes place the second Tuesday of every month at Clark Prep.

- 3) Alison Hartman presented the Governance Committee Report and led a discussion of the CMO Annual Performance Report content and format.

- 4) Adrian Morgan presented the Facilities Committee Report
 - (a) Adrian provided an update on the Monroe Street FEMA demolition, which will not be done by the end of the calendar year.
 - (b) Adrian presented the Facilities Review & Plan for the coming year

5) Other business

(a) Jay Altman presented a School Development Update

(i) Reported on a parent meeting that the NOLA 180 board held to discuss a possible transition that brought up some issues that the school is now addressing.

(ii) A group of staff from Clark Prep went to Chicago to observe some schools over Thanksgiving break

(iii) Possibility of transitioning more of our schools to a year-round calendar for 2012-2013

6) Public Comment Period

(a) Patricia Hillard, an LHA grandparent and parent brought up an issue about bathroom policy for elementary students at LHA. Jay Altman has asked the LHA leadership team to revise their bathroom policy to address the concern.

7) Executive Session (as needed)

Catherine Pierson moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:33pm. Charleen Blache seconded. The motion passed unanimously.