

CEDAR-RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

July 17, 2014

I. Call to Order

- a) Meeting called to order by Mr. Currie at 4:33pm

II. Attendance

- a) Present: Abdirahman Ali, Sonya Berven, Malcolm Currie, Kristen Mandt , Spencer Peck, Walt Stull
- b) Absent: Abdalla Dhunkal, Abdulqadir Mohamed

III. Approval of the Minutes

- a) Motion to approve the minutes from June 2014 proposed by Ms. Berven, seconded by Mr. Peck
 - i) Approved 5-0

IV. Director's Report

- a) Mr. Stull briefly reviewed the status of grants, the MDE investigation, and the Pre-K program.

V. Financials

- a) None to report

VI. School Climate

- a) Nothing to report as school is not in session

VII. Old Business

- a) Mission statement to incorporate future focus/emphasis of our academic program (updates)
 - i) Nothing to report as the Committee has not met.

VIII. New Business

- a) Approve the offering of an Employment Agreement to Tracie Gillum (math teacher)
 - i) Motion to approve the Employment Agreement to Tracie Gillum proposed by Ms. Mandt, seconded by Ms. Berven.
 - (1) Approved 5-0
- b) Plan/process for dealing with community concerns
 - i) The Board discussed the relationship between the School, the Board, Parents, and various community members in depth.
 - ii) The Board agreed that the number one priority of the Board of Governors was the children who attend the school. The Board agreed that a "open door" exists for all who are legitimately working in the best interest of CRCS's students.
 - iii) The Board also agreed to pursue a "Communication Committee" or similar body at the August Board Meeting, in order to establish a formal communication process to manage School-Community relations.
 - iv) The Board agreed to continue with previously established plans to hold two workshops/trainings for family, staff, and board members:
 - (1) Cultural Awareness Training for parents, students, staff, and board members to share their expectations and understandings of education systems;
 - (2) Rights and Responsibilities Training for staff and board members to thoroughly explain the rights and responsibilities of parents and students in attending and collaborating with CRCS.

- v) The Board agreed to explore integrating parents and students in a mandatory orientation day at the beginning of each academic term to encourage interaction, collaboration, communication, and understanding between parents, students, staff, and board members.

IX. Adjournment and Next Meeting

- a) Motion to adjourn proposed by Mr. Currie, seconded by Ms. Mandt.
 - i) Approved 5-0.
- b) Next Board meeting will be Wednesday, August 2, 2014 at 4:30pm.