

**Boston Renaissance Charter Public School
Board of Trustees Meeting
Mezzanine Conference Room
March 10, 2010**

Attendance

Keeana Saxon, Dr. Roger Harris, Jacquelyn Sinclair, Kathleen Vander Laan, Albert Pless, Lennitt Bligen, Karen Jeong, Daniel Mulhern, Harold Raymond

Absent:

Dr. Glover Martin III, Edna Carrasco-Rivera, Muriel Leonard

Guests

Malcolm Medley, Jillian Nesgos, Craig Engerman, Beverly Pina

Chaired by: Keeana Saxon

Approval of January 12, 2010 Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of January 12, 2010 was made by L. Bligen, R. Harris seconded the motion and all voted in favor to approve the minutes.

Public comment

None presented

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Building Committee Update:

The site of the new school is 70% complete and the soil that had to be removed has been done. C. Engerman made a power point presentation of the new site showing the progress that has been made at the 1415 Hyde Park Ave. construction site. C. Engerman will email the power point to the Trustees.

Nomination and Governance:

The committee met via teleconferences and interviewed two prospective candidates, recommended by L. Bligen, for the finance committee.

R. Harris introduced M. Medley as chairman of the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination (MCAD) and, as evidenced in his resume, his qualifications and experience will be a great addition to the Board. M. Medley spoke briefly about his interest in becoming a member of the Board of Trustees and the various ways his experience may prove to be a benefit to the Board. The Board dismissed M. Medley for a short time to enable the Board to

discuss his qualifications and membership. M. Medley was then invited to return to the Board meeting.

- **Motion** to approve the nomination of M. Medley to the Board of Trustees was made by R. Harris and seconded by K. leong. All voted in favor of the nomination.

The Board discussed subcommittees and M. Medley agreed to consider serving on the Human Resource and Development committees.

The Board discussed the membership renewal of K. Saxon, Board Chair who has completed her first three-year term.

- **Motion** to extend K. Saxon's membership on the Board of Trustees for an additional three (3) years was made by K. leong and seconded by L. Bligen. All voted in favor.

Academic Achievement, Curriculum and Instruction Committee:

Subcommittee minutes were distributed by C. Corbe.

Finance Committee

L. Bligen provided an update on the written report that was provided to all Board members. He highlighted some areas of the finance committee minutes reporting a surplus under \$1M, interest income and the relocation project accounts. The committee is looking at investment options for the rainy day fund. The target goal for the campaign is \$4.3M of which \$1M will be reserve funds to be used toward the relocation project.

The committee is seeking clarification on the bank agreement with Century Bank.

L. Bligen, K. Saxon, H. Raymond, R. Harris, and K. Cherry will meet next week.

Human Resource Committee

The committee drafted a short-term disability policy to modify and clarify the current policy. There is a need to clarify the language on how it is to be implemented and to incorporate legislation. B. Pina noted that the amended policy will improve the quality of life for staff.

- **Motion** to approve the policy as drafted and to move forward with any minor corrections was made by K. leong and seconded by L. Bligen. All voted in favor to approve the policy as stated.

Development Committee

The Development Committee asked Fortunato Consulting Group (FCG) to attend a committee meeting as the committee is planning to host a fundraiser. The committee asked FCG for an update regarding the campaign fundraising effort. The Board seeks to raise a substantial amount of funds through a series of events to support and contribute to the campaign. Before the board meeting, K. Saxon asked everyone to submit their respective portion of a guest lists to K. Vander Laan. The event will be held on the roof top of the Church on the Hill and in the event of rain, will move indoors. Members are asked to invite people they know and who have the potential to give. FCG will handle the logistics. We need to form a small sub-committee to discuss the message, the food and other details. The suggested dates are May 6, 13 or 20th.

The Boston Renaissance Voices of Renaissance is available to perform on May 20th. K. Vander

Laan reminded everyone to submit their guest list (names and contact information) to her as soon as possible and also asked for volunteers to be part of an event planning sub-committee. R. Harris, K.Saxon, C. Corbe, K. Vander Laan and L. Bligen volunteered to be a part of the sub-committee.

Motion to accept all of the committee reports as presented was made and all voted in favor.

Parent Advisory Board:

No report was presented as both parent members were absent.

Superintendent's Report:

R. Harris provided a written report to all members. He noted that academically we are doing well and the climate and morale among staff is high. Teachers are focused on improving student outcomes. The before-school, after-school and Saturday programs have all been focused on interventions.

Community Action Partners (CAP) is a team that has been serving as an executive coach, working with the leadership team to work out the logistics of the relocation including enrollment, transportation, space, staffing and all areas associated with the move.

While in the process of reducing our enrollment and until we reach the 880 number, we will have four modular classrooms that will be used to maintain the integrity of our specialty classes.

Old Business:

K. Saxon asked L. Bligen about the MIT Report. L. Bligen said it can be presented the next time we meet.

New Business:

None

Motion to Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.