

UNITY CLASSICAL CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

June 22, 2015

Board Members Present: Beth Early, Marty McCarthy, Mark Lavoie, Susan Walker, Joe Young, Kelly Trnian, Matt Drinkhahn, Siobhan Papa, Derrick Gates (via phone)

Matt Drinkhahn introduced our newest member Siobhan Papa. She joins with a rich experience in Classical Education matched only with her passion for the curriculum.

Marty McCarthy reported on the Charter School Advisory Board Meeting on June 16. SBE sent Unity's back due to the earlier abstention. Marty spoke with the new members on the board and the vote of the CSAB was unanimous.

- We should have an official answer on our Charter in August and must prove ourselves along the way.
- The 1023 EZ form is new and improved for 501C-3.

Beth Early, Board Chair, suggested we all should be well versed in Charter School law. Beth will forward Eddie Goodall's newsletter to Board members.

The NC Public Charter Association Conference is in Durham July 19-21. One person from every charter school should be represented. Marty McCarthy and Siobhan Papa are the potential attendees.

Tom Miller has offered workshops on what to expect in the next year. He will travel to Charlotte for these workshops.

The following committees reported

GOVERNANCE: Joe Young reported

- Joe Young moved to confirm Siobhan Papa to the Unity Classical Charter School Board, Matt Drinkhahn seconded. The vote to confirm was unanimous.
- Marty McCarthy, Kelley Trnian, Matt Drinkhahn, Dr. Nini, Brian Payne and Siobhan Papa received member packets.
- PEFNC meeting report: The purpose is to get legislature to get successful schools to replicate. Another Charter School can possibly take on a failing school.
- Charlotte Classical Charter School was denied.

FINANCE: Marty McCarthy reported that a call list had been developed.

MARKETING: Mark Lavoie reported

- A logo has been designed and should be available by the end of June
- The committee will meet in the future.

EDUCATION: Beth Early reported

- The Metrolina Regional Scholars Academy, founded in 1999 raises \$600,000 annually for their school. It is the mission of their executive director/staff to support other charters and to facilitate communication among charter schools.
- The Regional Scholars Academy does not provide lunch or transportation and requires students to test in.
- Discussion centered on fundraising and Headmaster search.

Marty McCarthy passed out a book entitled "Classical Education" and encouraged everyone to read it at least in part.

Kelly Trnan gave a presentation on Google Docs.

There will be no Board meeting in July but committees are encouraged to meet. Derrick Gates will send background searches to Kelly Trnian and Siobhan Papa.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Walker