

Sedalia Park Charter School Governing Board Minutes

Minutes of the April 12, 2011 Meeting

Present at the meeting:

Teri Brennan, Bill Mengel, Sara Brown, Alice Stouder, Ashley McCann, Gretchen Hornsby, Kim Danielson, Jamie Rogers, Shelby Robert, Patricia Thomas, Christina Duncan, Jim Pruss, Allison Swain, Lisa Hankins, Felicia Marable, Marianella Alvarado-Michel, Frances Jaramillo, Kelly Fedderson

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Principal Resumes & Discussion: Alice Stouder shared resumes of candidates that are under consideration for the principal position at Sedalia Park since Dr. Thomas is retiring at the end of this school year. Candidate # 1 is a woman that has been a lead teacher & an assistant principal. Candidate # 2 is currently a principal who has been a lead teacher and an assistant principal. Candidate # 3 has been a teacher, an assistant principal, and a principal at a charter school outside of the Cobb District. All of the candidates have an Educational Specialist degree (Ed. S. in Leadership). Governing Board members stated that they want the new principal to be very visible and involved in the school like Dr. Thomas who is always busy and does whatever needs to be done. Dr. Thomas said that she would really like to see a principal who has the perseverance to stick with it and get the results that we want for the school. Mrs. Stouder said that any of the three candidates being considered for the job are very capable and have the necessary skills and qualifications to be an excellent principal. Several people said that the college education and amount of classroom experience are really important in a new leader. Mrs. Stouder assured us that the interests of our school are foremost in the decision for a principal for Sedalia Park. She said that the goal is to appoint the new principal soon so that they would be able to have some time to transition into the job.

General Discussion: Frances Jaramillo our parent liaison and who is on the School, Family, and Community Key Team. The Contract for Learning and the Parent Involvement policy for our school were reviewed and some suggestions for making the documents more parent friendly. These are very minor changes. These items will be discussed at the next meeting of that key team. Our parent surveys provide much needed feedback for our school and impact our funding. Using online surveys may help increase the number of parents who respond to the surveys. Frances Jaramillo will take our school's information to the district's Title 1 Parent Involvement Meeting on April 27, 2011.

Charter Update: Tomorrow Dr. Thomas will attend the school board meeting where they will vote on our charter. Goal III in the charter; the goal has been changed to state that we will increase parent participation and stakeholder satisfaction with the school's performance. We will track parent participation data for this goal.

School Key Teams: No Key Team reports were given.

New Business: None

Closing Remarks: Two parent positions are available for the Governing Board for 2011-2012. A couple of parents have expressed interest in applying.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm. The next meeting will be held on May 3, 2010