

Fall Creek Academy Fountain Square Academy

**Board of Directors Meeting
September 24, 2009**

Board Members Attending:

John McShea

Kevin Turner

Bob Willsey

Mark Howell

John Ball

Board Members Absent:

Michael Gorsline

Kris Bowen

Claudia Guerin

Rollin Dick

1. Meeting called to order by Mark Howell, Chair, at 6:10 p.m.
2. Motion to approve the Agenda put forth by Kevin Turner, second by John Ball. Motion carried.
3. Motion to approve the Minutes put forth by John Ball, second by Kevin Turner. Motion carried.
4. Motion to approve the final Fall Creek Budget put forth by Bob Willsey, second by Kevin Turner. After discussion, motion carried.
5. Motion to approve the final Fountain Square budget put forth by John Ball, second by Kevin Turner. After discussion, motion carried.
6. The Board discussed the need for a good strategic planning facilitator, and Chairman Mark Howell noted that he has had preliminary discussions with Linda Sparks, a recognized organizational leader. Motion to engage Linda Sparks to help the board with strategic planning and committee and board development put forth by John McShea, second by Bob Willsey. Motion carried.
7. Motion to approve Committee Appointments as follows, put forth by Bob Willsey, second by Kevin Turner. Motion carries.
 - a. Facilities
 - i. Kris Bowen, Chair
 - ii. Bob Willsey
 - iii. John McShea
 - iv. Mark Howell
 - b. Development/Community Outreach,
 - i. Kevin Turner, Chair

- ii. Mark Howell
 - iii. John Ball
 - iv. Claudia Guerin
 - c. Finance
 - i. Rollin Dick, Chair
 - ii. Kris Bowen
 - iii. Bob Willsey
 - iv. John Ball
 - d. Academic
 - i. Claudia Guerin, Chair
 - ii. Mike Gorsline
 - iii. Kevin Turner
 - iv. John McShea
- 8. The Board discussed expansion opportunities for Fountain Square near University of Indianapolis, and the adjacent property for Fall Creek, near Ivy Tech.
- 9. Kevin Teasley informed the board of the weekly School Improvement review meetings, consisting of both principals, Jeff White, Percy Clark, Claudia Guerin, and two educational leaders from the Center for Excellence in Learning from University of Indianapolis.
- 10. Kevin Teasley noted to the board that Fall Creek Academy had the highest SAT scores among high poverty schools and charter schools, and graduated the most high school students with the most college credits among high poverty schools and charter schools. He further noted that Fountain Square Academy was one of only three public high schools in Marion County that made AYP, and is the highest in free lunch qualified students among the three charter schools that did make AYP. Both Fall Creek and Fountain Square were ranked by the state in the top 10 for “most improved” in 2008 according to PL 221.
- 11. Anita Silverman presented her Principal’s Report. Record enrollment at Fall Creek this year with 19 high school students taking 34 college level courses. The school has Teach For America, College Summit, College Mentors for Kids, and a partnership with the Indianapolis Arts Center. Initial estimates show the school to be 78 percent free and reduced lunch qualified—up 16 percent from last year.
- 12. Keena Foster presented her Principal’s Report. Again, record enrollment this year, with a dozen students taking an EMT course for certification. The school also has Teach For America, Indianapolis Teaching Fellows, New Teacher Project, and College Summit. The school has its own art and music program. Initial estimates report the school may be at 97 percent free and reduced lunch qualified—up from 80 percent last year.
- 13. Percy shared that he has visited and spent a great deal of time in both Fall Creek and Fountain Square Academies and he believes both schools are built for success this

year. He believes both schools have terrific teachers and the students are very much engaged.

14. The board heard from several parents in support of the school. There was discussion about girls being allowed to untuck their shirts. The board agreed to support Dr. Silverman and to use her discretion on the matter.
15. Mark Bowell repeated his interest in having parents serve on the board. He repeated his request to have parents call him if they wish to serve on the board. He gave out his cell phone number once again.
16. Teasley reported that he plans to meet with parents at Fall Creek on Oct. 12 and parents at Fountain Square on Oct. 19 for a listening session.