

Fall Creek Academy                  Fountain Square Academy  
Minutes  
Board of Directors Meeting  
6:00 p.m. November 19, 2009  
At Fountain Square Academy

Board members present: Mark Bowell, John Ball, John McShea, Kris Bowen, Dr. Claudia Guerin, Mike Gorsline, Kevin Turner.

Board members absent: Rollie Dick, Bob Wilsey

Staff Attending: Kevin Teasley, Dr. Percy Clark, Jeff White, Dr. Anita Silverman, Keena Foster, Bob Brown, Lisa Lorentz, Fumihiko Yuki.

Guests: Linda Sparks, Dennis Bland, Bob Logan, Mr. Cole, Ms. Thomas, Ms. Blakey, Ms Davis.

1. Approval of Agenda, John Ball motioned for approval, Kris Bowen 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.
2. Approval of Minutes, John Ball motioned for approval, Kris Bowen 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.
3. Presentation – Center for Leadership Development, Dennis Bland, president, presented the CLD programs to the board.
4. Chairman’s Report – Mark Bowell reported 3 parents have expressed interest in serving on the board, they will be interviewed by Bowell and Teasley in December and Bowell will make a recommendation to the board in January. Bowell introduced Linda Sparks, a board development consultant and strategic planner to the board.
5. Finance Committee Report—John Ball shared that the committee has met and discussed processes for future meetings and their focus to support strategic initiatives at both schools.
  - a. Financial information was presented on both schools by Kevin Teasley. Kris Bowen moved to approve financial report for Fountain Square, Kevin Turner 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried  
Kris Bowen motioned to approve financials for Fall Creek, Claudia Guerin 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the motion carried.
  - b. Approval – Fall Creek Academy Revised Budget, Teasley presented revised budget for FCA based on new enrollment figures, shared that GEO has raised \$25,500 for the school and revised the college costs, thus no changes are necessary to the planned expenses for the school. Claudia Guerin motioned for approval of FCA budget, John Ball 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.
6. Academic Committee Report—Chair Dr. Claudia Guerin reported that the committee had met and discussed how it will work, policies and procedures, and that the committee will be reviewing academic data to see where it can assist. She reported that she has participated in the weekly school improvement committee meetings every Friday and that these meetings include Dr. Karen Gould and Mary Redman of CELL, Dr. Anita Silverman and Keena Foster, Dr. Percy Clark and Jeff White, and Kevin Teasley and

Akua Anokye. Both schools are benefitting from these weekly meetings and immediate improvements are being realized.

- a. Fountain Square Academy, Principal Keena Foster
    - i. Principal's Report, Ms. Foster presented her report
    - ii. Tutoring Program Update/Professional Development, nearly 100 students are participating daily in this new school program
    - iii. Discussion – School Specific Goals, were discussed and will be reviewed by the academic committee prior to presenting to the board for full approval. The school specific goals include not only high school graduation rates, but also number of college courses each graduate will obtain prior to graduation, as well as how many will receive acceptance to four year universities and how many will receive academic honors degrees.
    - iv. Review – Parent Survey, John Ball commented on the survey and was impressed with results
  - b. Fall Creek Academy—Principal Dr. Anita Silverman
    - i. Principal's Report, Dr. Silverman presented her report
    - ii. Tutoring Program Update/Professional Development, more than 200 students are staying for this new school program daily
    - iii. Discussion – School Specific Goals, will be reviewed by the academic committee and presented to the board for full approval. The school specific goals include not only high school graduation rates, but also number of college courses each graduate will obtain prior to graduation, as well as how many will receive acceptance to four year universities and how many will receive academic honors degrees.
    - iv. Review – Parent Survey, was reviewed and again, board members were impressed with results.
    - v. Progress Report – A School Improvement document is being prepared by the school improvement committee and will be reviewed by the Academic Committee prior to full presentation to the board for approval
7. Development Committee Report—Kevin Turner reported the committee has met and is preparing a development plan with Bob Brown's assistance. Teasley presented the "dirt" video and a draft of the FCA building fundraising document.
8. Facilities Committee Report—Kris Bowen reported that the committee has met and they are still gathering materials and information on need for new building, plans, financial impact, and more.
- a. Teasley shared a floor plan of the proposed new building down by University of Indianapolis
  - b. Teasley shared a proposed floor plan for FCA's high school.
9. Public Comment
- a. Mr. Cole shared concerns about safety at the school
  - b. Ms. Thomas wants to volunteer at the school
  - c. Ms. Blakely reported transportation is important to the school

- d. Ms. Davis asked if the school has free lunches for all.
10. Adjourn—the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.