



Founding Board Meeting Agenda/Minutes

Jan. 17, 2007

Attendees: Dana Persons, Leah McLeod, Angela Birkes, Tina Benoit, Emma Ogley, Karyn Longhurst, Tom Sayre.

1. 2 new APS charters were approved:
 - a. Imagine's Wesley International Academy in NPU's W/Y
 - b. Mosaica: denied their location in Lakewood area; no site yet; must have site by May 1st.
2. Site Selection for Intown Academy is the First Priority
 - a. Tim Holdroyd – real estate developer
 - i. New Century School (private school) just bought 120 Ralph McGill; \$1.2 MM purchase; \$3.6 MM refurbish plans. Only 27,000 sf.
 - ii. 159 Ralph McGill: across from private school: 36,000 sf still too small.
 - iii. Canvassing 6-8 locations; even met with Alycen Whiddon, consultant for Wayne Mason.
 - b. St. Mark's UMC – meeting next Wed.
 - c. Redeemer Lutheran
 - d. Halpern – Amsterdam walk. Dana to call meeting with him.
 - e. West Lumber – Follow up post letter w/ Mayor Shirley Franklin
 - f. Ga. Power – Follow up on letter w/ Kingsley Corbin
 - g. Architect – Sizemore retained. Has expertise in the Intown area, and also has school building expertise.
3. Partners
 - a. Georgia State Univ. – building their team
 - b. Atlanta Botanical Gardens – draft letter of support for review/implementation.
 - c. Midtown Alliance – draft letter of support for r/i.
 - d. Mark Riley – meet directly after Atlanta Board of Education meeting
 - e. Need Brenda Muhammad (Board of Education rep for Old Fourth Ward).
 - f. Ga. Dept. Of Ed. Meeting in January. Leah and Dana to attend.
 - g. NEED TURNER! Set up meeting with Turner.
4. Marketing
 - a. Community meetings? Jennifer Balsler to develop this plan. Need representation in Old Fourth Ward.
 - b. WFRG Americana Festival, Feb. 10th, 1 – 10 pm. Dana and Karyn L. to set up table and work.
 - c. Brochure: Leah to update it.
 - d. Website: Leah to meet with Houston And to implement www.intownacademy.com.
5. GCSA Conference, Th/Friday 1/25 – 1/26/07
 - a. Attendees: Leah, Dana, Karyn Longhurst, Emma Ogley (paid for 4)
 - b. Th. 9 – 9:30 petitioners' meeting 1/25; RSVP required
6. WFF Grant: still have money left from planning grant. Will skip this next grant. Next opportunity for WFF grant will be within 30 days of application submission.



7. Financial
 - a. Jeannine Brown – treasurer developing monthly reporting system
 - b. Donations – THANK YOU letters to: Jennifer Balser, MC Allvine, Whalen family
8. 2 potential paths:
 - a. Voted to not pursue partnership with Mosaica, as they are for-profit, and curriculum model does not match ours.
 - b. Will continue to push to complete application by new deadline March 15.
9. Consultants
 - a. Retained Debbie Reid Miller and Cathryn Spencer-Riddle for curriculum consulting.
 - b. Otho Tucker for proofing/line-editing consulting.