



Founding Board Meeting Agenda / Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2007

1. Pros / Cons / APS Targets for conversion charters – exploring further
 - a. APS has never been confronted with a conversion application. Board will investigate possible sites for conversion, especially in the Old Fourth Ward such as CW Hill, John Hope, Walden Middle School, David T. Howard school (mostly abandoned). Tom Hills actively talking to City Council Rep. Kwanza Hall.
 - b. Graham Balch initiated talks with Superintendent Dr. Hall. Will call meeting with Dr. Hall, Sharron Pitts, CW Hill's principal Yolonda Brown to discuss.
2. Angela Birkes: Pros / Cons EMO's – exploring further
 - a. Will only consider non-profit EMO's.
 - b. Dana to discuss repercussions with Walton Family Foundation planning grant if we choose an EMO.
 - c. Questions for EMO's:
 - i. Can/will an EMO consider a conversion charter?
 - ii. How flexible in the curriculum can the EMO be?
 - iii. Will EMO negotiate on payment as charter is already written?
 - iv. How many board seats will EMO insist upon? Controlling interest?
 - v. Monies donated must be kept separate from EMO.
 - d. Angela will canvas Charter Schools USA
 - e. Dana will meet with Imagine School's Gillian Horsely
 - f. Dana will discuss with Dr. Otho Tucker for potential to consult.
 - g. We will regroup in September meeting to discuss findings.
3. Comaneci Davis Brooken, Connections Academy EMO, to answer questions
 - a. No show.
4. Moratorium on General Administrative Transfers to high achieving schools – how that impacts charters and choice
 - a. Discussed the 21 APS schools that will not accept transfers. Grady HS is also on list, but has failed AYP two years in a row, and must provide school choice. Most desirable schools are blocking transfers.
 - b. With APS taking away all choices, parents should see more need for charter schools.
5. Trailers on site now at The Howard School on Ponce...
 - a. K-annex in 8 trailers and one building
 - b. Transportation problems being worked out.
 - c. No one attended Logistics meeting at MES.
6. Founding Board manual
 - a. No further discussion. Leah is finalizing.
 - b. Include discussion of voting vs. ad hoc board members.



7. Heads of subcommittees, and volunteers for each subcommittee
 - a. Each Founding Board member will head up at least one committee and solicit their own volunteers.
 - b. Committee in need of immediate leadership include external communications.
8. Site Selection update
 - a. Dana to regroup with Halpern on Amsterdam Walk.
 - b. Debbie Reid-Miller to initiate meeting with Piedmont Park Conservancy with intent for the PPC to champion effort with us.
 - c. Dana to check with Joe Bankoff, CEO of Woodruff Arts Center, to entertain plan to include school in their long term buildout plan.
 - d. Call Charlie Ackerman (per AJ Robinson of CAP) re: Atlanta Civic Center buildout plans.
 - e. Circle back with churches: Grace United Methodist, Redeemer Lutheran, St. Mark's UMC.
9. Partnership meeting update
 - a. Woodruff Arts Center, Young Audiences: WAC is putting together a plan which includes teaching/resident artists; moving away from performance based assemblies only. They are mirroring the works of Eric Booth in NYC. Regroup with WAC in August to see where their plans stand.
 - b. Center for Atlanta Progress – AJ Robinson will write a support letter for the Intown Academy. Dana and Graham to draft one for review/implementation. Recommended leads: Ackerman (Civic Center); John McColl (Emory Healthcare buildout);

The Intown Academy Founding Board welcomes all interested in the K-8 startup charter school to meet with us tomorrow evening. Due to the holidays last week, we will meet tomorrow evening, Wednesday, July 11th, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm upstairs at Jason's Deli on 10th (near Piedmont).

Education Committee -- Jason's Deli

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Attendees: Dana Persons, Leah McLeod, Tina Benoit, Debbie Reid-Miller, Angela Birkes, Elizabeth Lieberman, Beverly Davidorf
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