



Founding Board Meeting Agenda & Meeting Minutes

December 18, 2007

6:30 – 8:30 pm

Javaology, 466 Edgewood Ave.

1. **DEADLINES** – New APS Charter Liaison!!!! Allen Mueller from Mosaica.
 - a. **Startup Charter**
 - Feb. 1, 2008** – Letter of Intent due (volunteer?)
 - March 15, 2008** – Application due
 - b. **Conversion** (needs to be verified by Allen Mueller)
 - Feb. 1, 2008** – Letter of Intent due
 - Aug. 1, 2008** – Application due

2. **Conversion charters – exploring further – OFW insisting on conversion vs. startup?**
 - a. APS targets: (CW Hill, John Hope, Walden Middle School) --
 - b. Requested enrollment data suspect (see report) – verified as Day 40 numbers.
 - c. Initiating exploratory meeting with Principal Yolonda Brown, CW Hill, postponed til January.
 - d. OFW must get very involved in the process... no feedback on soul searching questions.
 - e. Ask Mosaica about conversions, and whether EMO's would be interested in participating.

3. **EMO's – Non-profits only -- exploring further**
 - a. Charter Schools USA: minimum 600 students; continue talks; FL only? Dana to followup.
 - b. Imagine Schools: Not right now.
 - c. Dr. Otho Tucker meeting: Dr. Tucker can suggest other avenues beyond EMO's that might suit our needs. Followup meeting tbd.

4. **Startup Charter Site Search** -- prioritized the locations in order of preference below:
 - a. Grace United Methodist Church: lease or selling? 1.3 acres, R-5 residential.
 - b. Old Fourth Ward Historic Park (Willoughby Way); Trust for Public Land has the Creative Loafing (1 acre?) and the Cox Enterprises (5 acres to close mid 2008) under contract. Follow up on the Bellsouth property. Follow up with Victoria Talley of TPL.
 - c. David T. Howard school: Tom Hills to canvas Kwanza Hall & Brenda Muhammed.
 - d. Halpern property development: revisit. Also canvas Ben Raney (Barry Real Estate Companies) on Mason property development.
 - e. Beltline properties (Ben Raney / Mason properties)
 - f. Other Church's:
 - i. St. Mark's UMC revisit;
 - ii. Redeemer Lutheran CVI building on Peachtree: revisit
 - g. Realtor: Staubach, Paul Hanna; wants exclusivity agreement. Needs reviewer.
 - h. Woodruff Arts: Myrna Lubin forwarded message to Joe Bankoff. New Education Center to be built in conjunction with ASO and MARTA? Followup with Joe Bankoff.
 - i. Puppetry Arts Center: followup needed.
 - j. Civic center: Ackerman (needs followup)
 - k. Emory Healthcare: John McColl (needs followup)



5. Fiscal Responsibilities

- a. January 31 deadline: IRS contractor reporting: how to report 1099's
- b. WFF Planning Grant due Dec. 1st.

6. Dewberry's Uptown School status

- a. Private, K-5 (due to facilities limitations), startup possible 2010, targeting corp client kids, 100-200 students.

7. Application Review

- a. Volunteers needed to read, comment, suggest changes
- b. Reinsert application questions into body of application
- c. Make sure we answered each question as presented
- d. Insert GDOE checklist (Leah)
- e. Insert 501c3 approval letters

8. External Communications

- a. Website status: have package, need volunteer – Scarlett can help.
- b. Present at neighbors associations (all 4 of them in Old Fourth Ward) throughout the fall.
- c. Also start the NPU tour (E, M, N, F) in November.

9. Founding Board manual

10. Legislation pending, please support and call Senators and House Reps. (ie. Sen. Vincent Fort)

- a. **HB 881 (Jones)** -- Georgia Charter Schools Commission; establish
- b. **HB 1277 (frmlly 559) (Kaiser)** –Health insurance plans; education personnel; consider charter school employees; provide
- c. **HB 831** - Public Charter School Capital Financing Act; enact
- d. **HB 1065 (Jones)**- Sales tax; local charter schools; capital outlay projects; authorize

11. GCSA Conference: Mosaica sponsoring one I.A. board member. Thank you!

12. Bedford Pines: Development has been stalled.

13. O4W Parental Involvement: Sister Lydia Meredith heading up O4W Master Planning focus group on schools. She is President of CAN. Cedric Stallworth to help with O4W Alliance.

14. Scarlett Lyda—Email her the O4W questionnaire on conversion to distribute. She will help get O4W participation.

15. Green Dot – investigate conversion of L.A. schools w/ Bill Gates \$\$.

Attendees: Margaret Kaiser (State Rep., Distr. 59), Scarlett Lyda, Lewis Satterwhite, Milana Draughn, Paul Zucca, Marily Bowman (Mosaica), George Bevington, Leah McLeod, Dana Persons