

**CITY OF CORAL SPRINGS  
CHARTER SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
CORAL SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOL  
OCTOBER 21, 2010**

The meeting commenced at 7:39 a.m. with a call to order by Acting Chair Jules Cohn.

In addition to Mr. Cohn, present were Board Members Vice Mayor Claudette Bruck, Dr. Debbie Swayman, and Paula Smith. Also present was alternate Judy Gottesman. Board Members Dr. Mitchell Wallick and Dr. Randy Fine were absent. Alternates Michelle Shiver and Paulina Perner were also absent.

Also present were Gary Springer, Principal, Coral Springs Charter School; Billie Miller, Senior Director of Education and Mary Vecchione of Charter Schools USA; Ellen Liston, Deputy City Manager, Rhoda Glasco-Foderingham, Assistant City Attorney, Chelsea Stahl, Performance Measurement Analyst, Finance Department, and Maybelline Choy, Recording Secretary, Office of the City Clerk, of the City of Coral Springs.

Mr. Cohn congratulated Josephine Chavez on her promotion to Interim City Clerk and welcomed Maybelline Choy as the new Recording Secretary.

**I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

It was noted that the minutes of September 16, 2010, page 1, roll call, should be corrected to reflect Ms. Smith is not an alternate.

It was also noted that the minutes of September 16, 2010, page 4, section 6, should be corrected to reflect all instances of "Mr. Essik" in this section should be replaced with "Mr. Springer."

**ACTION: Dr. Swayman motioned, seconded by Ms. Gottesman, to accept the minutes of September 16, 2010, as amended. The motion was accepted unanimously (5-0).**

**II. SCHOOL REPORT**

Mr. Springer recapped past and noted future school events:

- Last week the Charter School (CSCS) students and staff celebrated Spirit Week.
- The CSCS football team had a landslide victory in the last game.
- The CSCS bowling team held their first home match.
- The CSCS volleyball varsity team held their final home match.
- A successful dance was held in the Gym/Cafeteria with an estimated 350 children in attendance.
- The final CSCS varsity football home game will be held this Friday at the Coral Springs Sportsplex. At this event, the CSCS will recognize all the seniors participating in the varsity football team, cheerleading team, color guard, and/or band.
- Last night Fine Arts held their first mystery dinner theater.

- The Fine Arts performance of William Shakespeare’s play “Twelfth Night” has been scheduled for November 4, 5, and 6. Attendance is encouraged.
- A band concert has been scheduled for October 27.

### **School Report**

Mr. Springer then presented the school report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes, and briefly commented on the enrollment, staffing update, and technology improvements. There was also a brief discussion on iPad usage, management, and training.

### **School Improvement Plan**

Mr. Springer presented the school improvement plan and addressed the attendance concern from a previous meeting.

**ACTION: Dr. Swayman motioned, Ms. Smith seconded, to accept the school improvement plan. The motion was accepted unanimously (5-0).**

### **III. FINANCE**

None.

### **IV. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

### **V. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Proposed Business Plan**

Mr. Springer briefly explained the evolution of the proposed business plan and mentioned measurements may need to be discussed further at the next strategic planning session.

Mr. Springer then presented the proposed business plan. He was pleased that the majority of the proposed business plan measurement targets have either been met or exceeded for 2009 – 2010. Mr. Springer also requested that the Bright Futures 2009 – 2010 target data, on page 17, be corrected to 34%.

Ms. Liston expressed concern on the percentage shown in the “Percent of Graduating Seniors Going to College” measurement. Mr. Springer responded that he would ask Guidance how they are specifically getting their numbers for that measurement. A short discussion on how actual rates were calculated for some of the measurements followed.

Mr. Springer noted there was also a huge increase in the number of 21<sup>st</sup> Century classrooms available due to the incredible effort made to have interactive whiteboards in every classroom using Mimio. Mimio is a product that converts whiteboards into interactive whiteboards and more economical than smart boards. He also mentioned 21<sup>st</sup> Century technology cart purchasing had been suspended for several reasons and that purchasing would resume when more information was available. In addition to the changes in technology, bi-weekly technology sessions to address these changes have been made available to teachers.

Mr. Springer was pleased to announce that all uniforms in the school store now have logos. Students are required to wear the uniforms with the logo, but there will be a year long phase out for the old uniforms. Mr. Cohn would like to revisit this topic next year to see how it impacted those less fortunate.

Mr. Springer reminded everyone it was Red Ribbon Week and mentioned he currently had staff looking into Vice Mayor Bruck's suggestion, Rachel's Challenge, and other programs to promote safety awareness. Mr. Springer plans to submit a proposal to the City to create a program to promote safety awareness.

**ACTION: Ms. Gottesman motioned, seconded by Mr. Cohn, to approve the proposed business plan. The motion was approved unanimously (5-0).**

### **Race to the Top**

Ms. Miller provided a brief overview of the Race to the Top and how the charter schools are involved. Charter schools have the opportunity to opt-in or opt-out of the plan. If a charter school decides to opt-in, the charter school does have the opportunity to opt-out before the final plan is approved next spring. Charter Schools USA is encouraging all of their charter schools to opt-in. If a final plan cannot be agreed upon, charter schools can opt-out without penalty later on. The deadline for the proposed draft of the plan was October 13, 2010, and the deadline for the final plan is November 9, 2010.

The following would have to be done to opt-in to the plan:

- A motion to opt-in to the plan would have to be approved by the Board.
- A resolution declaring intent to opt-in would have to be drafted and ratified.
- The Race to the Top Charter School participation form would have to be completed and submitted by October 22, 2010.

Ms. Miller reviewed the participation form line by line with Ms. Glasco-Foderingham. Ms. Miller would like to use Broward's plan and replace the teacher evaluation process and SIS areas of the plan. Ms. Miller noted if those areas could not be replaced on Broward's plan, the Charter School could create their own plan. Ms. Glasco-Foderingham then approved the participation form. Ms. Glasco-Foderingham will draft the resolution and submit it for ratification at the next governing board meeting.

**ACTION: Dr. Swayman motioned, Ms. Gottesman seconded, to opt-in to the Race to the Top. The motion to opt-in was approved unanimously (5-0).**

### **Other New Business**

Mr. Cohn mentioned the accounting firm has sent out a notice to everyone on the Board. This notice must be completed and sent back.

An invitation was extended to Vice Mayor Bruck to participate in the next strategic planning session.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting will be held on November 18, 2010 at 7:30 a.m.

**ACTION: Dr. Swayman motioned, Ms. Gottesman seconded, to adjourn. The motion to adjourned was approved unanimously (5-0). The meeting adjourned at 8:34 a.m.**

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Jules Cohn, Acting Chair

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Maybelline Choy, Recording Secretary

This meeting was recorded. A tape recording is on file in the City Clerk's Office for five years pursuant to Florida law and City policy. These minutes are a permanent public record of the City of Coral Springs maintained in the City Clerk's Office.

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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