

# **International Charter School of Atlanta**

# Board Meeting Minutes May 31, 2017

A meeting of the Governing Board (the "Board") of The International Charter School of Atlanta (the "School") was held on May 31, 2017 at 7:00PM at the School. The meeting began at 7:02PM.

The following members of the Board were present: Marisa Kashapov, Michael McConnell, Michael Neely, and Tricia Marsh. Christen Ramo arrived at 7:22PM, and Makenzie Clement was absent.

The following members of the administration were present: Tanya Parker.

# Agenda

The Board

VOTED:

To approve the current May 31, 2017 agenda with amendments The vote was motioned by Mike seconded by Makenzie, and unanimously approved.

# **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Board:

**VOTED**:

To approve the draft minutes of the last Board meeting held on April 12, 2017 in the form previously circulated. The vote was motioned by Michele seconded by Mike, and unanimously approved.

#### **Public Comments:**

Summer Rowell spoke publicly about her displeasure with the changes in the school uniform. She said that it creates financial difficulties for the families. Ms. Rowell would like the uniform to remain as it was prior to the change and would like parents to be consulted before changes are made. Ms.Rowell would also like to know when a questionnaire will be sent out to the school community allowing families to give feedback on issues.

#### **Administration Update:**

Given by Tanya Parker: Spring benchmark testing is complete and pre to post data is being calculated for teacher growth percentages, and STAMP proficiency tests are done, and results were sent home in report cards.

STAMP Results:



2nd Grade Immersion	
Novice Low	8.8
Novice Mid	14.7
Novice High	26.47
Inter low to Inter high	48.5
Inter High+	1.5
3rd Grade Immersion	
Novice Low	20.8
Novice Mid	8.3
Novice High	23.6
Inter low to Inter high	47.2
4th/5th FLEs	
Novice Low	14.8
Novice Mid	22.2
Novice High	22.2
Inter low to Inter high	38.9
Inter High+	1.85

Kindergarten and 5<sup>th</sup> grade graduations and the classroom parties went well. During today's middle school tour with the staff, the new middle school director Sharena Morgan was introduced. Per state reporting, ICSAtlanta has earned its ½ CCRPI point for teacher exploration in the SLDS. As a result, teachers received their 'Click'n for Chick'n' incentives. Superintendent assurances and sign-off for TKES and LKES have been completed, and Milestones re-take tutoring is currently on-going through June 7<sup>th</sup>. Retesting on June 8<sup>th</sup> for ELA and June 9<sup>th</sup> for math. ICSAtlanta has been accepted as a PYP candidacy school. The administrative team is working on curriculum supply ordering for next year. Severine Plesnarski and the teachers have been working on the IB profiles symbols. ICSAtlanta Morgan has begun the summer mural painting for IB and immersion concepts. The middle school teachers will attend the Teaching Proficiency through Reading and Storytelling training in June. The ICSAtlanta administration has made a connection with a high school in Cobb County to be trained by their language lead in the fall and observe at their high school as well. Hiring for the 2017-2018 school year is still ongoing.

# **PTO Report:**

No one presented on behalf of the PTO board.

#### **Committee Reports:**

• **Finance Committee Report:** Given by Tricia. The board will vote on the 2017-2018 budget at the June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.



- Parent Relations Committee Report: Given by Tanya: The admissions process is still
  ongoing and the list is continuing to be updated as information comes in to the
  admissions office.
- **Fundraising Committee Report:** Given by Michele: The Walton Foundation Grant application was submitted on time, and the fundraising committee was given positive feed back regarding the application. The Southern Comforts consignment fundraiser is on going. Three businesses have agreed to sponsor the tags. Sponsorships are available at levels from \$250 to \$2,000. The fundraising committee has made goals and plans for the 2017-2018 school year that will include: a race, a back to school picnic (scheduled for July 30), the fall giving campaign, 2 Chipotle spirit nights, 2 book fairs, a Kendra Scott spirit fundraising night in November 2017, and possibly putt-putt and movie nights.
- **Education Committee Report:** Given by Christen: Facilities planning is going well. The IB application has been submitted and a response should be received from IB in June regarding the application.

**Governance Committee Report**: Given by Michele and Christen: The board currently has seven board candidates currently in the recruitment process.

The Board:

#### VOTED:

To approve the addition of Eric Abercrombie to the ICSAtlanta Governing Board of Directors effective July 1, 2017. The vote was motioned by Mike seconded by Tricia, and unanimously approved.

### **New Business:**

The Mike shared the new business of his and Marisa's attendance to the SCSC meeting in which schools with failing scores gave presentations as to why their school was failing and how they remedied that status. The SCSC encouraged boards to share how their leaders are using data as well as how that data is being presented to the boards on a regular basis. ICSAtlanta will present regarding its failing score in the financial portion of FY16-17 at the June SCSC meeting.

## **Adjourn Meeting:**

The Board:

VOTED:

To adjourn the meeting. The vote was motioned by Christen, seconded by Michele, and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54PM.



Respectfully Submitted,

Christen Ramo, Board Secretary