

**THE SCHOOL FOR THE CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS
SBDM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 8, 2009**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Ms. Cunningham. A quorum was present.

Members present: Ashlie Beals, Marilyn Cunningham, Carla Pleasant, and Rita Polzin.

Recorder: Bonnie Conaway

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted by unanimous consent.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST 8, 2009

After a name correction, from Carla Beranek to Carla Pleasant, Ashlie motioned that the minutes from August 8, 2009 be approved and Carla seconded the motion.

IV. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

No guests were present.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Cunningham recognized cause for celebration because SCAPA is rated the fourth best middle school in the South.

On September 14, 2009, Open House will begin at 5:30 p.m. for the 8th grade students and parents with a High School information fair in the multipurpose room. At 6:00 p.m. all SCAPA parents and students will begin to visit classrooms by rotating through each student's daily class schedule until 7:30 p.m.

Ms. Cunningham reminded the members that KCCT & NCLB scores will be reported to administrators on Sept. 18, 2009, but this information is embargoed until Sept. 23, 2009. At that time we hope to celebrate the results.

The annual Picnic/Silent Auction was briefly reviewed as "the best" as well as earning the most.

The district Leadership Team Visit met in the library on Sept 1, 2009 and completed a questionnaire as part of a very good dialogue with leaders at our school. Included for the first time in SCAPA's leadership group were Yvonne Erbe and Susan Watson.

Ms. Cunningham informed the members that her Professional Growth Plan for this year is "building capacity". She said this includes intentional involvement on her part by sharing her role as principal with the staff of SCAPA Bluegrass. This choice is a response to the Occupational Health Inventory which cited Optimal Power Equalization as SCAPA's weakest area, although this area was part of the top quarter (the positive area) of the report.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Two corrections to the minutes of the July 14, 2009, SBDM meeting were made before approval. The final sentence in New Business was corrected from "meeting with the Advisory Committee" to "leadership meeting". Also a change from "meeting" to "portion of the meeting" should be made to the second paragraph in Old Business. After these corrections were made, Carla motioned that the minutes be approved and Rita seconded the motion.

VII. COUNCIL COMMENT

Rita asked about the status of the building beautification. Various facets of the process and goals were discussed by the council members. These included the possible involvement of the Climate Committee, FOAS, and the need for specific sub-committees. Since part of the goal of beautification is to create a more welcoming environment, the use of greeters was brought up. Ms. Cunningham informed the council that Stephanie Roney has been working to find and schedule volunteers for the front door as a separate project. In the past, the Climate Committee implemented a survey when communication was identified as a concern. Since the changes that resulted from that information resulted in improvements in that area, perhaps they could help survey ideas regarding beautification needs also. The needs for the beautification project will include assessment, timelines, charging of committees, and the setting of priorities for implementation.

During the last year, the council has been reviewing SCAPA policies and that process is still ongoing.

General information about policies and SCAPA's committee system was briefly summarized. It was mentioned that our committee system has both strengths and weaknesses. At SCAPA, committees tend to be weak on assessment but strong on doing what needs to be done. The SCAPA community has a "pitch in" character.

The committee members discussed the idea of beginning a "give back" type of program with high school seniors as part of community service.

VIII. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

During the discussion of the SCAPA beautification project, Ms. Cunningham requested that the council members think about the timeline and preparation needed so these items can be discussed at the next meeting.

IX. MEETING ADJOUNED

At 7:10 p.m. Ashlie motioned and Carla seconded that the meeting be adjourned.