



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING MINUTES  
April 29, 2009**

- Trustees Present:** F. George Jacome; Matthew Burke, Jr., Esq.; Robert F. Collins; Jeffrey T. Karam; Beverly Pavao; Brenda Reback; Peter A. Saulino, Esq.; James A. Wallace, Jr.; Jonathan Taradash, (BOT Staff Intern)
- Trustees Absent:** Fernando Garcia (excused); Teresa Nelson (excused); Dr. Charles Khoury (excused)
- Student Representative:** Alexa Caetano, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class President (excused)
- Support Staff Present:** Fernando M. Goulart, Executive Director; Thomas Paul, Director of Business; Dr. Diane Desrosiers, Student Services Director; Kerry Kennedy – Principal, Lower School; Kristi Oliveira, Human Resource Manager
- Community Input:** Mrs. Kelly Morra promoted the importance of selling the wine tasting tickets. She stressed the fact that the Wine Tasting event will be held on Thursday, May 7, 2009 and that ticket sales have not been flowing in.
- Call to Order:** Mr. Jacome officially called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.
- Acceptance of Minutes:** Mr. Jacome presented the Minutes from the Board of Trustees Meeting of March 25, 2009, emailed in advance of this meeting to all Board Members.
- A motion was made by Atty. Saulino to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Brenda Reback, and **APPROVED** unanimously.
- Correspondence:** A letter from the Charter School Office approving Matthew Burke, Jr. as a BOT member was read by Mr. Jacome.  
A thank you note from Fernando Goulart was read by Mr. Jacome.
- Staff Presentations:** None
- Student Representative Presentation:** None
- Financial Report:** Mr. Paul presented the Financial Report which was emailed in advance of this meeting to all Board members and is on file in the Office of the Board of Trustees.
- Committee Reports:**
- Development Committee:**  
No report.
- Education Committee:**  
No report.

**Facilities Committee:**

Mr. Goulart reported that the Facilities Committee met prior to DRA doing the second presentation to staff and parents. Compared to the first meeting where only 9 parents attended, the second meeting provided a spaghetti supper and 66 parents, students, and staff members attended. They were broken up into three groups, to discuss their vision for the new school.

Mr. Goulart stated that the third meeting will take place on May 21, 2009 at 5:00 PM. Dinner will be served at 5:30 PM with a presentation from 6:30 through 7:30. Mr. Goulart further stated that it would be helpful to see more Board members attend this presentation. Mr. Goulart will be inviting the mayor and several individuals, including neighbors.

Mr. Goulart stated that Atlantis had received delineation approval for three years. If the building is not started within the three years, the delineation process needs to be repeated.

**Finance Committee:**

Mr. Collins reported that the Finance Committee met and is recommending to the Board the FY10 budget. Mr. Collins stated that the increase in revenue is due to approximately 20 additional students next year.

A motion was made by Mr. Wallace to approve the budget as presented, seconded by Atty. Saulino and **APPROVED** unanimously.

**Nominating Committee:**

No report.

**Personnel Committee:**

Atty. Saulino reported that the Personnel Committee had met and was recommending the Board approve four policies effective July 1, 2009: Family Medical Leave Act Policy, Maternity Leave Policy, Progressive Discipline Policy, and Student Records Policy.

Mr. Goulart stated that perhaps it would be better to table the above-mentioned policies until the next Board meeting in order that the Board members can review all policies mentioned. All agreed.

***Old Business:*** Mr. Goulart reported that the March MCAS administration was completed with no issues to report. The May MCAS administration will commence on May 11, 2009.

***New Business:*** Mr. Goulart presented the 2009-2010 Board of Trustees Schedule. A motion was made by Mr. Collins to accept the schedule as presented, seconded by Atty. Saulino and **APPROVED** unanimously.

Mr. Jacome thanked Mr. Goulart for the wonderful article published in Charter Schools Today.

Mr. Goulart reported that the golf tournament is scheduled to take place on Monday, August 3, 2009 at the Fall River Country Club. The first golf tournament meeting will be held on Thursday, April 30, 2009 at Roger Saint-Pierre's office. Mr. Goulart asked if any Board member would be interested in chairing this event, but had no success. Mr. Goulart stated that at Atlantis we expect more of our students and do not accept excuses. Therefore, there are no excuses in making this the best golf tournament yet.

Mr. Goulart reported that Atlantis is on top of the swine flu pandemic. Should any issues arise, Mr. Goulart will contact Mr. Jacome for next steps.

Mr. Goulart stated that he had gone to the State House with twenty one parents to discuss lifting the cap on charter schools. The proposal will raise the cap from 9% to 20%. A lot of parents are for it, however the union and the Superintendents' Association is against it.

**Adjournment:** At 7:56 PM, a motion was made by Mr. Wallace to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Reback and **APPROVED** unanimously.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on **Wednesday, May 27, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Cafeteria of the Upper School located at 37 Park Street.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. James A. Wallace, Jr.  
Secretary