



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
November 28, 2007**

- Trustees Present:* F. George Jacome; Gerald Audet; Robert Collins; Charles F. Fellows, IV; Jeffrey T. Karam; Paul S. Medeiros; Troy E. Mitchell; Brenda Reback; Peter A. Saulino, Esq.; James A. Wallace, Jr.; Robin Morin (BOT Staff Intern)
- Trustees Absent:* *Thomas J. Curry (excused); Fernando Garcia (excused); Dr. Ronald B. Goodspeed (excused); Teresa Nelson (excused)*
- Administrative Staff Present:* Fernando M. Goulart, Executive Director; Thomas Paul, Director of Business; Henrique M.F. Madeira, Principal – Upper School; Kerry S. Kennedy, Principal – Lower School
- Support Staff Present:* Vivian Carreiro, Executive Director’s Secretary; Larisa Badger, Media Specialist; Eric Ventura, Music Teacher; Kristin Welchman, School Adjustment Counselor
- Community Input:* None
- Call to Order:* Mr. Jacome officially called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.
- Acceptance of Minutes:* Mr. Jacome presented the Minutes from the Board of Trustees meeting of October 24, 2007.

A motion was made by Mr. Medeiros to accept the Minutes, seconded by Atty. Saulino and **APPROVED** unanimously.
- Correspondence:* Mr. Goulart presented a letter from Emily Lichtenstein from the Charter School Office approving Mr. Robert Collins, Mrs. Brenda Reback and Mrs. Robin Morin as Board members.
- Staff Presentations:* Mr. Kristin Welchman reported that Atlantis now has a Student Government Program consisting of 16 members. Grades 7 and 8 have a president and vice-president as well as a representative for each homeroom. Grades 5 and 6 will only have a representative for each homeroom. He noted that the student body apparently has many ideas to share with each grade level representative. Mr. Welchman announced over 70 students campaigned for office in grades 5 through 8 and Jason Linhares was elected as 8th grade class president.
- Financial Report:* Mr. Medeiros made a motion to waive the reading of the Financial Report, seconded by Mr. Audet and **APPROVED** unanimously.

*Committee
Reports:*

Development Committee: Mr. Goulart reported that Atlantis has committed to a golf tournament date of August 4, 2008. Mr. Goulart is hopeful to start organizing the golf tournament much earlier this year. Anyone interested in chairing this event, should contact Mr. Goulart after the holidays.

Mr. Medeiros handed out an email from David Guertin regarding a campaign feasibility study proposal to the Atlantis Charter School capital campaign. Mr. Medeiros requests that the board review this email and reply to either Mr. Collins or himself. Mr. Medeiros stated that depending on the board's decision on conducting this study, he would request that the Atlantis Educational Foundation fund this study.

Mr. Saint-Pierre presented to the Board a proposal from Oppenheimer & Company to assist Atlantis with its future facility financing needs. The proposal will be forwarded to Dr. Thomas Curry.

Mr. Saint-Pierre also presented the Board with four Boston Celtics tickets, each valued at \$150, which were donated by Maria and Timothy Mello. Mr. Goulart will be auctioning off the tickets as a fundraiser for the new building.

Education Committee: *No report.*

Facilities Committee: Mr. Bob Baldwin, who had previously, with a group of Board members, had walked through the former Quaker property recently purchased by Atlantis, made a presentation to the Board providing an overview and options for a possible development plan for the property. Mr. Baldwin projected it could cost approximately \$32 million dollars to build a school to house 1,000 students. Mr. Medeiros noted that we would probably have to conduct a feasibility study to determine how much capital we could expect to raise in the Fall River area.

Finance Committee: A presentation was made by Colleen Murphy and Kris Lane of Daniel Dennis & Company, LLP regarding the school's 2007 audit, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Board of Trustees. The Finance Committee recommended that the Board approve the draft audit for submission to the state.

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

Mr. Medeiros announced that due to the change in leadership of the Board, a vote was necessary to add F. George Jacome, President as signor to all bank accounts.

A motion was made by Atty. Saulino to authorize F. George Jacome, President, as signor to all bank accounts, seconded by Mr. Audet and **APPROVED** unanimously.

Nominating Committee: No report.

Personnel Committee: Mr. Goulart introduced Kristi Oliveira who was recently hired as the Human Resources manager. Kristi previously had been employed by SouthCoast Hospitals.

Mr. Goulart stated that Mr. Michael Maggiacomo had been hired as the IT Manager. Unfortunately, he was unable to attend tonight's Board meeting.

Mr. Goulart thanked Eric Ventura for setting up the microphones and the sound equipment.

Old Business: Mr. Jacome announced that the early bird deadline for the National Charter School conference is approaching, anyone interested in attending should contact him as soon as possible.

Mr. Goulart reminded the Board that the 13th Year Site Visit is scheduled for January 17, 2008 and that the Charter School Office would like to meet with Board members from 8:00 – 9:00 that morning. Mr. Goulart asked that the Board members who will be attending the meeting confirm with him.

New Business: Discussion ensued regarding the Human Resources Manager, Kristi Oliveira, conducting CORI checks for all ACS staff. Mr. Connors stated that the Criminal Systems Board will be having training sessions in January.

A motion was made by Mr. Medeiros that upon having proper training and certification, that Kristi Oliveira, Human Resources Manager be allowed to perform all CORI checks, seconded by Mr. Audet and **APPROVED** unanimously.

Mr. Goulart stated that the Board would need to vote to authorize him to apply for Charter Renewal during Year 4, by August 1, 2008.

A motion was made by Mr. Medeiros authorizing Mr. Goulart to apply for early charter renewal, seconded by Mr. Wallace and **APPROVED** unanimously.

Mr. Goulart would like to propose that the Board each year invite the duly elected president of the 8th Grade class to sit on the Board of Trustees as the student representative. This would provide the Board with a student perspective.

A motion was made by Mr. Medeiros to create a student position on the Board, whereas the student would not be able to vote or participate in Executive Sessions but would be able to participate in any discussion held during the public portion of the meetings, seconded by Mr. Wallace and **APPROVED** unanimously.

Mr. Welchman was asked by Mr. Goulart to speak to Jason Linhares and invite him to the January meeting. Mr. Goulart thanked Mr. Welchman, Mrs. Birmingham, and Mrs. Rahme for a terrific job in organizing the elections for the student council.

Mr. Goulart reminded the Board that anyone wishing to attend the Atlantis Holiday Party at Venus deMilo on December 15, 2007 should contact Vivian Carreiro for tickets.

Mr. Goulart informed the Board that the school's Holiday Concert will be held on December 18 and December 19. Board members were encouraged to attend and should contact Mr. Goulart for tickets.

Adjournment: At 8:33 PM, a motion was made by Mr. Medeiros to adjourn, seconded by Atty. Saulino, and **APPROVED** unanimously.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on **Wednesday, January 30, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Cafeteria of the Upper School located at 37 Park Street.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Thomas J. Curry
Secretary