

# Create Academy

## Minutes

### Board Meeting

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#### **Date and Time**

Monday March 21, 2016 at 6:00 PM

#### **Location**

2645 N. 24th Street

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#### **Board Members Present**

Angela Pinholster, Carla Rivera-Cruz, Daniel Duran, Johnny Jackson, Victor Sidy

#### **Board Members Absent**

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### **I. Opening Items**

#### **A. Record Attendance and Guests**

Angelica Cruz, SySTEM  
Dwayne Baker, CEo DNKBinc  
Erin Smith, Create teacher  
Natalie Trelstad, Create Teacher  
Jose Perea, Create Parent  
Teresa Perea, Create Parent  
Janelle Ginter, Create Parent  
Tebble Dickerson, Create Teacher  
Brunella, Create Teacher  
Several students present

#### **B. Call the Meeting to Order**

Carla Rivera-Cruz called a meeting of the board of directors of Create Academy to order on Monday Mar 21, 2016 @ 6:10 PM at 2645 N. 24th Street.

#### **C. Approve Minutes**

D. Duran made a motion to Approve the minutes.  
Johnny Jackson seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

#### **D. Call to Public**

Board asked public for comment on thoughts or concerns of the proposed grade level changes for Create's 2016-2017 school year.

Dwayne Baker: Shared his initiative to outfit the school with new computers via his organization, Laptops for Learning. Set up a Gofund me page and we have 5 sponsors to date.

Natalie Trelstad: Supports the move to K-5

Erin Smith: Supports the move to K-5 to better serve the students.

Janelle Ginter: Has decided to not reenroll her students at Create. She expressed concern over the needs of her son not being fully met and is concerned with Create not meeting the promises they made during last year's recruitment.

Theresa Perea: Shared her thoughts on change to K-5. She supports it but was concerned about other options for her students who would no longer be at Create.

Angelica Cruz: Shared the vision and mission of her school, SySTEM. SySTEM would be the "feeder" or "partner" school for Create. Create and SySTEM though different schools would work together to help build each others campuses up. This would provide a well rounded education for all students.

Jose Perea: Shared his students would be returning to Create and hopefully SySTEM. He knows not everything that was promised was fulfilled this year, but understands that missteps happen and as a parent wants to do what he can to support the school. He looks forward to helping with consistency and stability for the school.

Tebble Dickerson: Supports the move to K-5.

## **II. Update from the Directors**

### **A.Update from Angela Pinholster**

Angela updated the board on enrollment, the plan to change the grade levels to K-5 and a new proposed bus plan that would be shared with SySTEM School.

### **B.Proposal of new grade levels**

Discussion of the new proposed grade levels was had. Comments from the public were listened to at this time. (See above)

### **C.Vote grade levels next year**

V. Sidy made a motion to change Create grade levels to K-5 for upcoming 2016-2017 school year.

Daniel Duran seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

### **D.Vote grade levels next year**

### **E.Vote on Bus Agreement**

D. Duran made a motion to approve the new bus agreement that would be shared by Create Academy and SySTEM Schools.

Johnny Jackson seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

## **III. Finance Update**

**A.Tax Credit Update/Ask**

Moved to next agenda.

**B.Payment for Artists**

Discussion was had regarding payment of the mural artists. Ideas for an event to help raise money for this were proposed. More will be decided in the coming weeks.

**IV. Board Recruitment**

**A.Update**

This was moved off of the agenda.

**V. Closing Items**

**A.Adjourn Meeting**

J. Jackson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53pm.

Victor Sidy seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Daniel Duran