



## **Minutes**

**Board of Directors  
Communities In Schools of Robeson County  
September 16, 2015  
PO Box 706  
Lumberton, NC 28359  
7:30 a.m.**

### **Members**

#### **\*Denotes members present**

*Janet Blue	Amanda Hunt	*Denise Fann/Tina Barnes-Dawson
*Linda Branch	*Cammie Hunt	Bill Smith
*Alison DeCinti	Herman Locklear	Gary Strickland
Lori Dove	*Oryan Lowry	*Angela Sumner
*Jolee Fedak	*Abe Marshall	Chip Watson
*Carolyn Floyd-Robinson	Sally McLean	*Kim Woods

### **Staff Present**

Connie Britt-Office Finance Manager, Dencie Lambdin-Executive Director; Billy Haggans-Principal; Janet Schwartz-READS Coordinator; Beth Terranova-Special Projects Coordinator

### **Agenda Item I – Call to order and Invocation**

Angela Sumner called the meeting into open session. Linda Branch gave the invocation.

### **Agenda Item II – Minutes**

The August minutes were presented to the board for approval by Carolyn Floyd Robinson. Abe Marshall made a motion to approve the minutes. Cammie Hunt seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

### **Agenda Item III – Finance**

Abe Marshall presented the CIS of Robeson County August Financials to the board for approval. Carolyn Floyd-Robinson made a motion to approve the financials. Cammie Hunt seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried. The Academy August Financials was then presented to the board for approval. Cammie Hunt made a motion to approve the Financials, Linda Branch seconded the motion; the motion carried. The CIS Treasurer's Report was then presented to the board, Alison DeCinti made a motion to approve, Linda Branch seconded the motion, the motion carried. Abe also shared that Wells Fargo of Lumberton presented a check in the amount of \$1,000 to CIS of Robeson County on the previous day.

### **READS**

Janet Schwartz gave a report on the 5<sup>th</sup> and final year of READS, a grant from the University of Harvard. Over the course of 4 years, (we did not participate in year one), the READS program has given a total of 27,330 books to 2,830 students at 11 schools with the Public Schools of Robeson County. The study hopes to prove that low income children who have access to books and read during the summer do not have appreciable summer reading loss.

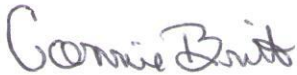
**Agenda Item V – CIS Academy Report**

Principal Billy Haggans, reported that the current enrollment is 118 students, and the attendance rate for the first 15 days is 96.3%. He provided the District Value Added report that showed the Academy's growth over the last three years. We received a School Report Card grade of a D for 2014/15, but met and or exceeded all of the growth goals. He reported that we will have a federal desktop review of Title I & Title II funds later in the year, our charter renewal will be submitted in December, training in NCEES has been ongoing, and Teen Outreach Program will provide programming for grades 7 and 8. He invited the board to attend PTO/Parent Night on October 1<sup>st</sup> at the CIS Academy.

**Agenda Item VI – Executive Director Report**

Dencie reported out on the new school site standards or TQS2 that go into effect in 2016. New language, metrics and data reporting are part of the ongoing staff development that is being provided by CISNC with follow up through our in-house training provided by BreAnna Branch. Robeson County funding in the amount of \$4,000 has been received. On- going partnerships for this year include the NC Extension Service and UNC-P Literacy Commons working with Prospect/St. Paul's Middle and Purnell Swett/Prospect respectively. The Annual Operations Plan which had been e-mailed to board members earlier, was approved after a motion by Abe Marshall and second from Jolee Fedak.

Respectfully Submitted,



Connie Britt  
Office Finance Manager



Carolyn Floyd Robinson  
Board Secretary

# CIS Board Meeting 9/16/2015

1. Current Enrollment (118 students)
2. Attendance Rate for the First 15 Days (96.3%)
3. 2014-2015 Growth Status
4. 2014-2015 School Report Card
5. Active Routes to School (October 2nd, December 4th, March 18th, and May 6th)
6. Prepare for Success Teen Outreach Program (TOP)
7. North Carolina Educator Evaluation System (NCEES)
8. Federal Desktop Review (Title I & Title II Funds)
9. Charter Renewal (December 2015)
10. PTO/Parent Night (October 1<sup>st</sup>)



**Report:** District Value Added

**Test:** End of Grade

**District:** CIS Academy (78A)

**Subject:** Reading

**Year:** 2015

Estimated District Growth Measure				
Grade	6	7	8	Growth Measure over Grades Relative to Growth Standard
Growth Standard	0.0	0.0	0.0	
2013 Growth Measure	4.7 B	2.5 G	-0.4 G	2.2 G
Standard Error	2.3	2.0	2.2	1.3
2014 Growth Measure	0.8 G	4.1 G	2.9 G	2.6 B
Standard Error	2.4	2.2	2.1	1.3
2015 Growth Measure	2.1 G	5.5 B	1.1 G	2.9 B
Standard Error	2.1	2.2	2.1	1.2
3-Year-Average Growth Measure	2.5 G	4.0 B	1.2 G	2.6 B
Standard Error	1.3	1.2	1.2	0.6

Estimated District Average Achievement			
Grade	6	7	8
State NCE Average	50.0	50.0	50.0
2012 Average Achievement	34.5	37.5	38.6
2013 Average Achievement	36.0	38.6	35.3
2014 Average Achievement	36.5	37.1	43.0
2015 Average Achievement	39.7	42.3	39.2

<b>B</b>	Significant evidence that the district's students made more progress than the Growth Standard
<b>G</b>	Evidence that the district's students made progress similar to the Growth Standard
<b>R</b>	Significant evidence that the district's students made less progress than the Growth Standard

Achievement results and growth results must be used together to get a complete picture of student learning.



September, 2015

CIS Board of Directors

Executive Director's Report on meeting Annual Goals

by Dencie Lambdin

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**General Organization Management**

- **Maintain accredited CIS affiliate status**
  - New school site TQS standards come into effect 2016/17. In-house training continues with staff in preparation for reaccreditation
- **Develop and maintain effective administrative structure**
  - Hired new Special Projects Director, Beth Terranova. Working with Ann Heintz as she transitions into new position

**Resource Development/Fundraising**

- **Maintain diversified funding base:**
  - Wells Fargo presented check for \$1,000 from their Foundation
  - Robeson County funding for \$4,000

**Marketing and Public Relations**

- **Increase CIS visibility in the community**
  - "Like" us and "Share" on Facebook!
- **Explore Opportunities to integrate technology in PR**
  - Have signed with a web company out of Wilmington and working to build new page

**Develop new partnerships and maintain current partnerships to assist with provision of quality youth services**

- **Develop two new partnerships for in-kind resources**
  - After-School Quality Improvement programming at Prospect/St. Paul's Middle has scheduled Etiquette/nutrition training through the NC Extension Service. An MOA will be signed shortly
  - UNC-P Literacy Commons has committed to provide 6 weeks of writing literacy to 9<sup>th</sup> graders at Purnell Swett during the after school tutoring program (21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Center)

**Providing and/or Brokering Quality Youth Programming and Service**

- **Bring evidence-based programs into CIS school site**
  - STEM activities and literacy initiatives were the format for after-school programming at Prospect and St. Paul's Middle

**Data Collection, Evaluation and Reporting Annual Goals**

- **Student progress is monitored through CISDM**
  - Webinar scheduled for today through CISNC for training in new CISDM