

James Madison Charter Academy
MINUTES of the Board of Directors
March 17, 2008

Call to Order I. Mrs. Stewart, Board of Director's President, called the meeting to order at 7:16 PM.

Roll Call I-A Board of Directors Members Present:
Mrs. Idalia Stewart, Mrs. Kathy McNelly,
Mr. Donald Staton, and Mrs. Vernell Murphy. In addition, Dr. Anne Shearer-Shineman, JMCA Principal, and Mrs. Donna Smith, JMCA Administrations Manager were present.

Note: Mrs. Kinda Lenberg, BOD President resigned effective 2-15-08. Mrs. Idalia Stewart assumed President's roll due to her previous position of Vice-President.

Pledge to Flag I-B Pledge of Allegiance

Recurrent Issues A. APPROVAL of March 7, 2008 BOD meeting minutes.

B. APPROVAL of February 25, 2008 BOD meeting minutes still need to be presented by Mrs. Murphy, as the regular Secretary, Mrs. McNelly, was absent due to hospitalization.

Principal's Report – CSAP will finish this week

March 21 will be Jeans and Greens Day to celebrate the start of Spring Break.

Report cards were sent out March 13.

Parent Conferences will be after Spring Break.

Chuck E. Cheese fundraiser will be March 27. Dates will also be scheduled for April and May.

**Opportunity for the
Public to be Heard
Committee Reports**

Larry Marcus asked about the amount of money raised at the last Chuck E. Cheese fundraiser. Answer is \$260.00. Also asked about the upcoming BOD elections, but was told that was on the agenda for later in this meeting.

Committee Reports

BAAC met and is moving on long-range planning. An architect was at their last meeting and received input for where we're going on building and grounds. It was determined that a small part of the playground belongs to Department of Transportation. We will talk to them regarding acquiring it possibly.

Had questions about the landscaping plans, possible info from the original LPA blueprints.

Had questions about carpool off of Harvard and incorporating in into new plans.

Sod could cost \$8,000.

A Grant committee is being formed to find grants, volunteers coming from PTO.

Kristy asking about playground grants, working with Heather Sams too on this.

PTO fundraiser in April – Soup, dips, candles. The profit percentage will be 60%. The percentage of funds raised will be split as follows: 40% to playground work and equipment, 40% to Imagine Reading Program, and 20% to PTO fund.

Teacher Appreciation week is in May. Teachers will decide on an event.

PTO also working on Field Day.

Recommended Actions

A. ACT ON Approval of Yearly Audit. It was received in February 2008 BOD meeting. Motion by Mr. Staton, second by Mrs. Murphy. All aye.

B. ACT ON Approval of February 2008 Budget. Mrs. Smith states that this needs to be tabled due to incorrect figures from the district.

C. ACT ON Termination of Employee A. Motion by Mr. Staton, second by Mrs. Murphy. All aye.

D. ACT ON Approval of Leave for Employee B, Bereavement Leave. Motion by Mr. Staton, second by Mrs. Murphy. All aye.

E. Election dates for the 2 BOD positions will be May 15 from 7:45 AM to 5:00 PM.

F. ACT ON Approval to raise the classroom capacity to 20 in all grade levels. Motion by Mrs. Murphy, second by Mr. Staton. All aye.

G. ACT ON Approval to over-fill classes to 22 due to some children always dropping out or moving away over the summer. Motion by Mrs. McNelly, second by Mrs. Murphy. All aye.

Executive Session Motion by Mr. Staton to go into Executive Session, second by Mrs. Murphy. All aye. Executive session began at 7:56 and ended at 8:23.

General Meeting H. ACT ON Non-renewal of Teacher contract for employee C. Motion by Mrs. Murphy, second by Mr. Staton. All aye.

Next Board Meeting Monday, April 28 at 7:00 PM

Adjournment VI. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.