

South Carolina Calvert Academy
Founding Board Meeting Minutes
Annual Meeting, Greenville, SC
Tuesday, December 1, 2009

In Attendance:

Susan Frew	Tammy Wyatt	Pauline Sternick
Randy Wilgis	Lisa Huskey	Susan Nash
Secaida Howell	Mark Sternick	Scott Moores (by phone)
Ross Norton, Jr.	Tamra Misseijer	

Randy Wilgis opened the meeting at 6:34 PM

Mr. Wilgis invited board members in attendance and all attendees to introduce themselves. After reviewing the agenda, Mr. Wilgis called for any additional votes for the SC-CAL Governing Board from the floor. He then reported that the electronic voting by the membership had surpassed the necessary one-third quorum of 90 out of the 269 eligible votes. As of 4:25 PM 94 unduplicated ballots had been received. CES representative Scott Moores provided that an additional 8 votes had been received since that time and further reported that every board member candidate had received at least 80% of “yes” votes. Mr. Wilgis stated that the voting would be closed after the Headmasters report.

Headmaster Report:

Dr. Secaida Howell, South Carolina Calvert Academy Headmaster, reported that enrollment was 247 on the 5th day of school and 258 on day 45. He stated that, “We are pleased with the progress and have smoothed the bumps in the road that come with any start up. We have issued report cards and perfect attendance certificates and have interacted with many parents via webcam and personal visits. The parent body has done very well in assisting us and I have learned much from them. We’re all looking forward to the new year and future success.”

Dr. Howell elaborated on the challenges facing newly enrolling students and described efforts to provide individual orientations for both parents and students. Ms. Pauline Sternick, parent and prospective board member, has volunteered to help with new enrollee orientation for Learning Guides.

Dr. Howell closed by asking parents to “stick with us” and asked everyone to help with the student recruitment push for the new school year.

Mr. Wilgis then moved to close the board voting after receiving four additional ballots from the floor. He estimated that 106 ballots had been cast and asked Mr. Moores to produce a final report after receiving faxed ballots. Mr. Wilgis then pronounced that all seven board nominees received a majority of the votes for the seven open board positions and declared them elected to the SC-CAL board of Directors.

The following Board Members of South Carolina Calvert Academy were announced for 2010:

- Randy Wilgis, Camden, SC

- Jean Halle, Lutherville, MD
- Pauline Sternick, Greenville, SC
- Ann Miller, Summerville, SC
- Tamra K. Misseijer, Travelers Rest, SC
- Andrea Mathis, Spartanburg, SC
- Richard Ross Norton, Jr., Central, SC

Mr. Wilgis asked Mr. Moores to post the new board members on the website and opened the floor for questions and comments.

Ms. Lisa Huskey (parent of Hannah Huskey) agreed with the new enrollee orientation and described the challenges of start up. The SC-CAL teachers helped get her student up to speed and the flexibility of the program is seen as a positive in that student can make up work more easily than in a traditional classroom environment. However, Ms. Huskey suggested that the school be more sensitive to parents and students who start late and that the school should provide them with a specific step-by-step instructional checklist. She also inquired about extracurricular activities.

Ms. Susan Nash (parent of Katie and Kayla Nash) described the difficulty of working with two children on different levels when Verticy or special needs are involved. Ms. Nash expressed excitement about her visit to the SC-CAL office on Friday for IEP meetings. She requested that the school look into text books with large type and/or textbooks on audio tape for special reading needs.

Mr. Mark Sternick related that they had recently visited the Calvert Day School in Baltimore, MD and were given a tour of the facility and campus. Mr. Wilgis invited all to feel free to request a tour if they were ever in the area.

Mr. Wilgis then closed discussion and thanked Founding Board member Susan Frew for her service over the past two years in helping to get the school up and running. Mrs. Frew, a former teacher and Calvert parent, said, "I thought so much of Calvert and was thrilled to help make it available to the children of South Carolina"

There being no further new business, Mr. Wilgis moved to close and the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 PM.