

FOCSI MINUTES

Carolina School for Inquiry FoCSI Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2015

➤ Meeting called to order

Robert Cox called the meeting to order at 6:05pm

Attendees

Mr. Robert Cox - President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ms. Pinnell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mrs. Jackie Cox	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mr. & Mrs. Young	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ms. Edna Grant – V. President	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ms. Green	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mrs. Abdul-Rahman	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ms. Goering	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leslie Gamble - Secretary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Chris Myers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mrs. Haynes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ms. Ketcherside	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ms. Stacia Johnson - Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mrs. Henryhand	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Priester	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ms. Soul	<input type="checkbox"/>
Staff Representative – Nurse Hurt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ms. Foster Thompson	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Glover	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Mrs. Dixon-Mokeba	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Butler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ms. Joyner	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ms. White	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mrs. Willis-Faust	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ms. Guerrero	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ms. Lowe	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ms. Colter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ms. Evans	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ms. Murrell	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ms. Cook	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mrs. Sawyer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

OLD BUSINESS

- **Committee Chairs**

- May fest – Stacia Johnson
- Teacher Appreciation – Stacia Johnson
- Book Fair – Leslie Gamble
- Family Events (Movies, Dances, Family Nights) – [Various \(see below\)](#)
- Fundraising – **VACANT**
- Yearbook – [Ms. DiFronzo will head the yearbook committee including creation.](#)

[Mrs. Sawyer](#) did indicate that there has been some difficulty selling the yearbooks and making a profit. A number of different methods have been used in the past to try to sell the books but still unsuccessful. There is also difficulty getting enough pictures from teachers and different events to include in the yearbook. [Mr. Baughman](#) offered to donate his photography services to capture pictures at various events that can be used in the yearbook. The committee will brainstorm other ideas on how to increase sales.

- **Activity Nights**

- Activity nights is the last Friday of each month
 - January 30, 2015 – Game Night – [Chaired by Ms. Evans](#)
 - February 27, 2015 – Movie Night – [Chaired by Ms. Gamble](#)
 - March 20, 2015 – Game Night – [Chaired by Mrs. Sawyer](#)
 - April 24, 2015 – ~~Movie Night~~ [Possible Talent Show Night](#)
 - May 16, 2015 – May Fest

[\(Be sure to coordinate with Ms. Johnson, treasurer, for the purchase of pizza or any other items for the activity nights\)](#)

[\(Be sure to coordinate these events with the assigned staff participants using the attached list\)](#)

- **T-Shirt Bill**

- Outstanding T-Shirt bill for \$707.05 from 12/10/2007. Mrs. Dixon-Mokeba and William Cox will do additional research to determine if the T-shirts were actually received by FoCSI. The bill will be paid out of FoCSI funds.
- [No new information at this time.](#)

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Brad Baughman talked about the SC Car Meet group. They are trying to bring the car craze back to Columbia. It could also be a great tool to assist in fundraising at CSI.
 - There is a Dinner meet Saturday, from 7-9pm at Ryans in Irmo (1304 Bower Parkway, Columbia, SC 29212). Anyone who is interested in seeing the event first hand should come out.
 - Mr. Baughman can set up a car show to be held as a fundraiser or even a part of the May fest events.
 - About 60 to 70 cars can be available for the event
 - A \$15-20 entrance fee can be charged for each car owner (a no liability clause would be included in the contract to remove CSI/FoCSI from any liability for damage to the cars)
 - A DJ can be hired for the event
 - Mr. Baughman would provide his photography services
 - Trophy's or donated prizes can be given out to winners in certain categories eg. best truck, most muscle, best import, etc.
 - All proceeds, after expenses, would belong to FoCSI
 - FoCSI members agreed that the car show would be a great addition to May fest.
- **Additional May Fest thoughts**

May fest is scheduled for Saturday, May 16, 2015 from 10am – 2pm

May fest activities include:

- A fish fry - Mr. Butler will organize the fish fry (Attempting to get the fish donated)
- Food trucks (May be able to get this donated)
- Car show – Mr. Baughman will organize
- Vendors eg. The Pampered Chef, 31 gifts, Avon (distribute catalogs, flyers, business cards, schedule appointments but absolutely no sales on site)
- Bouncy houses
- Face painting – Mrs. Sawyer will organize
- A silent auction (donations from different vendors eg The Pampered Chef, 31 gifts, Avon etc.) Ms. Gamble will organize
- Richland County – Photo IDs
- Richland County Fire Department – Fire Truck
- Mr. Butler will talk to the church by the school to see if they would approve of us using their parking lot.

A specific time will be scheduled for each event.

Proceeds from the May Fest event will go towards the purchase of a new computer for the gathering area and or other technology.

- Ms. Gamble will check into the Bi-lo Hometown Educational Rewards program to find out how to get CSI registered.
- Reminder: *Fundraiser – CSI Applebee’s Pancake Breakfast -- January 24, 2015. FoCSI members and parents are asked to post the flyers and announce the event using social media. Proceeds are to be used for school choice week.
 - A copy of the Pancake Breakfast flyer is attached. Please print and post in your neighborhoods, at work, and any other locations that would bring in sales.
 - Applebee’s has stated that they can’t put the announcement on their marquee however, we are allowed to place the announcement on their Facebook page and they will maintain it for us. Ms. Gamble will check into getting that added.
- FoCSI members are looking into reviving the CSI Facebook, Twitter and other available social media sites.
- Ms. Colter suggested a Mr. & Miss. CSI Pageant as a school fundraiser
 - The proceeds would be used for the upkeep of the school
 - It could be held the 1st of the 2015-2016 school year so that the winners could maintain their titles for the entire year
 - We could make it a very formal event to include a red carpet, limo ride, dinner
 - We can see about the use of a facility large enough to hold this event
- The FoCSI members discussed the possibility of having a faculty, students and parents talent show
 - Suggested date 04/24/2015 from 6-8pm, in the place of the movie night
 - Will discuss more at next meeting

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

****Reminder**** The Annual Review for Charter will be held Tuesday, January 13, 2014, 1616 Richland Street, Columbia, SC 29201. Parents are asked to attend. Please come out and support CSI and make a comment.

NEXT MEETING

February 9, 2015, CSI, Media Center

- **FoCSI Meetings**
 - March 9, 2015
 - April 13, 2015
 - May 11, 2015

➤ Meeting Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.

Friends of Carolina School for Inquiry

Staff Participation 2014-2015

December	January	February	March	April	May
<u>Movie Night (12)</u> White Lowe Sistare Pinnell	<u>Game Night (30)</u> White Evans Hobbs Mathis DiFronzo Dixon-Mokeba	<u>Movie Night (27)</u> Steele Peele Sistare Dixon-Mokeba Jeffers	<u>Game Night (20)</u> Sawyer Peele Evans Hobbs Dixon-Mokeba	<u>Movie Night (24)</u> Mathis A. Greene McDonald Dixon-Mokeba	
<u>Meeting (15)</u> Hurt Dixon-Mokeba	<u>Meeting (12)</u> Hurt Sawyer White Evans Pinnell Dixon-Mokeba	<u>Meeting (9)</u> Hurt Evans Dixon-Mokeba Jeffers	<u>Meeting (9)</u> Hurt Steele White Mathis Dixon-Mokeba	<u>Meeting (13)</u> Hurt Evans Hodges Dixon-Mokeba A. Greene McDonald	<u>Meeting (11)</u> Hurt Steele Lowe Hodges Dixon-Mokeba

Other: Mayfest – May 16, 2015

Membership: \$10.00

Movie/Game Nights are from 6 – 8 p.m. in the Gathering Area

Meetings are at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center


Applebee's
Saturday Special!
Breakfast Fundraiser

Support CSI

Prize Drawings

Carolina School for Inquiry

All funds will be used for
School Choice Week student activities

January 24, 2015

8 A.M. – 10 A.M.

**Buy Early &
SAVE!**

**\$6.00 per
person with
advance ticket
purchase**

**\$8.00 per
person at the
door**



**Advance Tickets can
be purchased at
Carolina School for
Inquiry:**

**7405-A Fairfield Rd.
Columbia, SC 29203
803-691-1250**

All pre-orders due by 1/22/15

**Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar
245 O'Neil Court
Columbia, SC 29223**