

## Chesapeake Lighthouse Foundation

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### CLF Regular Board Meeting Minutes October 19, 2017

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

**1.01** Meeting was called to order at 7:12 pm by Board Chair, Mr. Lancaster.

##### ROLL CALL

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Mr. Spear Lancaster	<u>X</u>	
Mr. Lufti On	<u>X</u>	
Mrs. Claudia Chang	<u>X</u>	
Dr. Sefik	<u>X</u>	
Dr. Subasi	<u>X</u>	
Dr. Birol Ozturk	<u>X</u>	
Ms. Sakena Greene	<u>X</u>	
Dr. Ebiasah	<u>X</u>	
Mr. Mirasyedi		<u>X</u>

#### 2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

**2.01** Approval of the board meeting minutes from August 31, 2017.

Motion: Mr. On moved to the meeting minutes from August 31, 2017

Second: Dr. Ozturk

Vote: Unanimous

#### 3. DISCUSSION ITEM – Update on CMIT North High School Construction – Mr. Gokce Project Manager

**3.01** Parent volunteers helped move furniture and the students began school on time. All systems in the building are working well and the staff is happy.

**3.02** The gym and the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor are on schedule to be delivered by 11/01/17. The gym ceiling and bleachers are to be done next week. The bleachers will accommodate almost 400 people.

**3.03** Konterra will sponsor a mini-gym for the middle school. 3 to 4 classrooms will be combined, and the ceilings raised to 20 feet to create an athletic space at North Middle School. Permits will be hopefully be ready next week, and the project should be complete in less than 90 days.

#### 4. DISCUSSION ITEM – Update on CMIT South Elementary Facility – Mr. Hakki Karaman, CEO

**4.01** CES would like to purchase the property for the CMIT South Elementary school. The bond company has given the approval for funding and we are moving forward keeping with our original plans and scheduling.

## **5. DISCUSSION ITEM - Update from Mr. Karaman, CEO**

**5.01** Mr. Karaman updated the board on the status of the merger request for CMIT North and CMIT Elementary. The merger has been approved and all charters have been renewed for a 5-year term. The K-12 charter will allow worry free continuity for our elementary students and parents when transitioning to middle school and then on to high school.

**5.02** The first reader of the merger request for CMIT South and CMIT South Elementary will be next week. There are no problems anticipated with such process.

## **6. DISCUSSION ITEM – Update from CAO, Mr. Ak**

**6.01** The principals meeting conducted last week focused on the student performance data. Principals shared their strategies to meet student needs and explored student performance data from many angles including cohorts and demographics.

**6.02** CSP hosted AACPS for their annual site visit on Tuesday, October 17th. The initial feedback has been very positive and we expect the report to reflect this feedback.

**6.03** There are two upcoming site visits. PGCPSS will visit CMIT South on November 7<sup>th</sup> and CMIT Elementary on December 14<sup>th</sup>.

**6.04** This year's Advanced Studies classes have been announced and registration is open now.

## **7. DISCUSSION ITEM - Update from Community Partnerships Director, Mr. Sutherland**

**7.01** PGCPSS lottery will open in Nov and close in Jan. 16,000+ postcards were sent to PG Co residents with children between the ages of 4 and 10 to market for the opening of CMIT South Elementary next school year.

**7.02** PGCPSS Specialty Schools showcase was held last week. The CLF booth was manned by 6 CLF and CMIT staff members and received steady and constant attention from those attending.

**7.03** CMIT North HS opening was attended by PG County Councilwoman Mary Leman and PGCPSS Board of Education representative Mr. Curtis Valentine. Both had very positive things to say while touring the building.

**7.04** Parents are encouraged to attend the hearing for the Kirwan Commission on Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at Largo High School. This will be the last public hearing.

**7.05** Short public relations video shared with the board.

## **8. DISCUSSION ITEM - Update from CFO, Mr. Dogan**

**8.01** There are no major changes to the budgets at this time.

**8.02** The preliminary audit report has been received with an unqualified opinion.

## **9. ACTION ITEM – Approval of the Financing for CMIT South Elementary**

**9.01** Mr. Karaman presented the request for short term financing while bond documents are drafted for board approval. The financing paperwork should take approximately 3 months to complete and will then be presented for separate board approval.

Motion: Dr. Sefik moved to approve the short-term financing.

Second: Mrs. Chang

Vote: Unanimous

**10. ACTION ITEM – Approval of Name change for CMIT North High School Building**

**10.01** Mr. Karaman presented the request for the CMIT High School building to be named the CMIT Academy Spear Lancaster Campus for the board's approval.

Motion: Dr. Ozturk moved to approve the name change.

Second: Mr. On

Vote: Unanimous (with Mr. Lancaster abstaining)

**11. ACTION ITEM – Approval of Major Purchases/Contract for CMIT South Chromebooks and CMIT North HS Gym**

**11.01** Recommended Computerware for the purchase of CMIT South Chromebooks

Motion: Mr. On motioned to approve the Chromebook purchase.

Second: Dr. Ebiasah

Vote: Unanimous

**11.02** Recommended matching payment of the grant funds of \$250,000 to KasCon for payment on the North HS gym.

Motion: Mr. On motioned to approve the Chromebook purchase.

Second: Dr. Ebiasah

Vote: Unanimous

**12. PUBLIC REMARKS**

**12.01** Ms. Finch, CMIT North HS, spoke about communication regarding VIP visits, Kirwan Commission recommendations and the art for the STEAM designation.

**12.02** Ms. Kingston, CMIT North HS, spoke about the SAT prep class with Princeton Review. Requesting the classes be announced sooner in the future to allow parents to save for the cost of the program.

**12.03** Ms. Nelsen, CSP, spoke to the board about Lockheed Martin's interest in partnering with CSP, requested equipment for the robotics team and a possible stewardship for robotics.

**12.04** Ms. Milline, CMIT Elementary and CMIT North HS, the parking situation at CMIT North HS and wanted to know what arts programs we are considering for the high school students.

**12.05** Ms. Simmons, CMIT North HS, asked about the future of North HS's athletics department and if a survey had been conducted to determine the reasons students leave CMIT after middle school.

**12.06** Mr. Johnson, CMIT North MS & HS, introduced CMIT North's new PTO president, requested consideration for parent committees and focus groups for the board. Mr. Johnson also spoke about the communication complications between the MS and the HS campuses at North.

**12.07** Ms. Haley, CMIT Elementary & North MS, requested clarification on the sibling preference now that the school is a k-12 facility. She would also like to see more parent surveys and involvement in large decisions involving the future of the school.

**13. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Dr. Ozturk moved to adjourn. Dr. Sefik, seconded, all approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM.