# CORAL REEF MONTESSORI ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL A Miami-Dade County Public School 10853 SOUTHWEST 216 STREET MIAMI, FLORIDA 33170

PH (305) 255-0064

FAX (305) 255-4085

October 13, 2010

Julio Miranda Assistant Chief Auditor Dade County Public Schools

Dear Mr. Julio Miranda,

In reference to the audit department's inquiry, and after consulting with our legal counsel, we will follow the recommendation. Therefore, the two existing Governing Board members who are relatives of the administration will resign effective November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at our next Board of Directors meeting. We will forward the minutes of the meeting to the Charter School Operation Office as usual.

Please feel free to contact me if you have and additional concerns.

Respectfully,

Lucy C. Golden, Co-Director

# CORAL REEF MONTESSORI ACADEMY **BOARD OF DIRECTORS** November 6, 2010

In Attendance:

Wendell Carr

Victor Golden

John Pittman Juliet King

Elsie Hamler (via telephone) Lucy Golden

The meeting was called to order on Saturday, November 6, 2010 at 11:00 A.M. The minutes were read and approved.

School Improvement Plan; DA Corrective I Checklist: Mrs. Golden reported that she and Mrs. Hamler attended the Corrective I Meeting with the District to discuss the status of the DA I Corrective schools. Mrs. Golden refreshed their memory about how CRMA got on the list. She was able to report that this past school year the school did make AYP. The staff will continue to follow the Continuous Improvement Model where they have frequent data chats to assess the level at which each child is performing.

By-Laws: The following amendments to the By-laws were voted upon:

#### Article IV Section 4.8 Compensation of Directors read:

A Director of the Corporation will not receive compensation for services rendered in their capacities as Directors. However, nothing herein contained shall be construed to preclude any director from receiving compensation from the Corporation for other services actually rendered or for expenses incurred for serving the Corporation as Director in any other capacity.

#### Proposed amendment:

A Director of the Corporation will not receive compensation for services for reimbursement rendered in their capacities as Directors: except for expenses incurred for services to the Corporation.

The vote was 4 for 0 against. The amendment passed.

## Article IV Section 4.9 Annual Meetings of the Board read:

The annual meeting of the Board shall be held without other notice than this By-law on the first Saturday of May of each year, unless the Board by resolution provide for a different time and place for the holding off such annual meetings.

# Proposed amendment:

The annual meeting of the Board shall be held between the second Saturday of July and the second Saturday of August each year, unless the Board by resolution provide for a different time and place for the holding off such annual meetings.

The vote was 4 for 0 against. The amendment passed.

#### Section 4.14 Restriction on Employment of Relatives:

Charter school personnel may not appoint, employ, promote, or advance, or advocate for appointment, employment, promotion, or advancement, in or to a position in the charter school in which the personnel are serving or over which the personnel exercises jurisdiction or control any individual who is a relative. An individual may not be appointed, employed, promoted or advanced in or to a position in a charter school if such appointment, employment, promotion, or advancement has been advocated by charter school personnel who serve in or exercise jurisdiction or control over the charter school and who is a relative of the individual or is such appointment, employment, promotion, or advancement is made by the governing board of which a relative of the individual is a member.

The vote was 4 to 0 to add the above amendment to the By-laws. Amendment will be added to the By-laws.

# Article V Section 5.12 Salaries:

A Director of the Corporation will not receive compensation for services rendered in their capacities as Directors. However, nothing herein contained shall be construed to preclude any director from receiving compensation from the Corporation for other services actually rendered or for expenses incurred for serving the Corporation as Director in any other capacity.

### Proposed amendment:

A Director of the Corporation will not receive compensation for services for reimbursement rendered in their capacities as Directors: except for expenses incurred for services to the Corporation.

The vote was 4 for 0 against. The amendment passed.

<u>Resignation of Board Members</u>: Charter Board Members Elsie Hamler and Victor Golden resigned from the Board. Mr. Golden and Mrs. Hamler were thanked for their invaluable service to the Board and the school. They pledged to continue to support the school in the future.

Nomination of Board Members: Mr. Golden nominated Mrs. Shelia Sims Watson as one of the new Board members to replace the out gong Board Members. Mrs. Watson is a mid-wife and very active in the community. Mr. Carr seconded. Motion passed. Mr. Carr and Dr. Pittman said they would have a nomination to fill the other vacancy by the next meeting.

<u>Unfinished Business</u>: Ms. Golden nominated Mr. Carr for Chairman of the Board. Dr. Pittman seconded. The vote was unanimous. Mr. Carr is the new chair. Mr. Carr nominated Dr. Pittman for Secretary of the Board. Mrs. Hamler seconded. The vote was unanimous. Dr. Pittman is the secretary of the Board.

Mr. Carr moved that in the future, nominations for the Board are accompanied by a resume. Mr. Golden seconded. Motion passed.

Mr. Carr reported that the school is no longer flooded because of the gutters; however, there is still leaking in the building because some of the bolts in the roof were not screwed in. He contacted a roofing company to see about coating the roof and Mr. Gomez, the roofer discovered the bolts that had not been screwed in. Mr. Carr is getting a price from the gutter people and Gomez, the roofer to compare prices.

New Business: There was no new business.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 A.M.

Submitted by:

Victor Golden, Secretary

Elsie Hamler, Chairperson