

Call Me MISTER Advisory Board Minutes
December 3, 2007
10:30-1:00 p.m.

Members present: Dr. Connie Ballard, Mr. Alvin Beasley, Mr. Kevin Chandler, Mr. James Fowlkes, Dr. Deneese Jones, Dr. Enza McCauley, Dr. Jacqueline Moore, Dr. Chuck Ross

Program Initiatives:

Mr. Kevin Chandler distributed packets of information to the Board members which contained a Program Progress Report, Information Sheet, Organizational Flowchart, Schedule of Upcoming Events and Membership Roster.

A cohort of 15 high school, Longwood, St. Paul's, SVCC and Virginia Union students attended the inaugural Summer Orientation Institute July 8-13 which featured the theme "On the Path to my Calling". Mr. Mark Joseph and Mr. Hayward Jean, original Clemson MISTERS, facilitated the Institute and Dr. Ronald Rochon of Buffalo State College delivered the banquet keynote address.

Mr. Kevin Chandler was hired as a full-time director and attended the Clemson Call Me MISTER Summit in Orangeburg, South Carolina for training.

Longwood has received \$140,000 for three years through the Jesse Ball DuPont Foundation and is seeking additional funding through the Wachovia Foundation for Teachers and Teacher Initiative. By December 7, Wachovia will determine if the \$500,000 application can proceed.

Marketing materials have been purchased and a Call Me MISTER website has been established which includes a toll-free number (866-369-0402).

The inaugural cohort of MISTERS-in-Training (MiTs) meets on a monthly basis for additional seminar training. During the October 4 introductory seminar, the cohort was introduced to the program director, Mr. Kevin Chandler, and their academic coach, Dr. David Locascio. Longwood alumni and elementary teachers: Keith Morgan, Kevin and Dewayne Jefferson conducted the November 10 seminar. Future events are scheduled for December 8, January 19, February 2 and March 1. In addition to the seminars, the cohort participated in St. Paul's Homecoming parade and visited Cumberland's Homecoming football game. They also meet for dinner the last Thursday of every month. Mr. Darian Batten and Mr. JaBari Scott presented at the American Democracy Project in Kennesaw, GA and Mr. Kevin Chandler presented at the State Conference of the NAACP in Richmond, VA.

Applications are being accepted for the second cohort of 20 MiTs. The 2008 Call Me MISTER Institute will be held July 6-July 11, 2008 and both the inaugural and second cohort members will attend. Within five years, it is Longwood's goal to have 100 MiT's in various cohorts.

Justin Wilkes (Longwood University) and Dwayne Morris (St. Paul's College) will formally become MISTER's during the spring induction ceremony.

CMM Advisory Board Chair:

Advisory board members discussed the role of the Board Chair and decided that the Chair would set the agenda, preside over the Board meetings and be a contact person for the Advisory Board. Mr. James Fowlkes was unanimously elected as chair.

Advisory Board Membership:

Board members discussed the size of the Advisory Board and membership terms. It was unanimously agreed that the Board would meet twice a year and each of the 21 members would serve a 3-year term. Each school partnership will have 2 representatives on the Board and the Cumberland Superintendent will serve in an Ex-officio capacity. Thelma Llewellyn will be asked to represent Buckingham who is interested in forming a partnership. Business partnerships could include corporate sponsors such as Wal-Mart and Citizens Bank and Trust company. DeWayne Jefferson and Keith Morgan were suggested as possible Board candidates.