



# Quarterly Newsletter

Raleigh Oak Charter School is a community-initiated, environmentally conscious school inspired by the core principles of Public Waldorf Education. Raleigh Oak Charter School nurtures the whole child through an integrated curriculum that cultivates each individual's innate creative, intellectual, emotional, physical and social capacities.

Please join us at for our  
interview at the  
Department of Public  
Instruction!  
February 6, 2:40PM

Please donate to our  
fundraiser. We are in  
need of \$300 before the  
interview!  
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Happy New Year!

We are happy to report that Raleigh Oak Charter School (ROCS) has taken an additional step toward becoming a reality. As many of you are aware, our second application to the Charter School Advisory Board (CSAB) for the requested Charter was submitted in September, 2016. On January 10, 2017, we met with the CSAB at the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) in downtown Raleigh. This meeting was held to provide "clarification" to specific points in the application that were of concern to the CSAB. Based on our responses that day, the CSAB had prerogative to either reject our application or to invite us to continue to the next step: the full interview. We were invited to proceed. Our interview will be held on Monday, February 6, 2017 at 2:40 pm. We will have 40 minutes to answer questions and to discuss the vision of ROCS. The final 20 minutes will be allotted to the CSAB to discuss among themselves, in our presence, their impressions of our application and their willingness to issue the Charter to ROCS.

One of the concerns raised by CSAB is whether there is adequate community support to create and sustain a healthy charter school. They are impressed by the numbers of supporters on social media but having a tangible presence would be even more compelling. Therefore we are asking that as many of you as possible will come to show support of this endeavor on February 6. That would mean coming to the DPI one hour before the interview at 1:40 PM (the request of CSAB is that be present an hour early and waiting in the interview room) and sit with us during the interview. Having so many people that there would be standing room only would be magnificent and difficult for the CSAB members to ignore. Even if you could arrive by 2:00 PM, that would be adequate. We will post directions to the interview site on our FB page. We would love to hear from you if you plan to attend so we can positively anticipate. Thank you in advance!



In other news, we are continuing to develop our Board of Directors. We have identified two people who are experts in formative assessments and digital learning and conduct research in these areas, one of whom is now a board member and the other who has expressed interest and currently is being vetted. An experienced Waldorf-trained teacher who resides locally has expressed interest in helping us; we have a meeting with him forthcoming to discuss in what ways he may contribute to the effort. Interest expressed by these individuals is very encouraging and exciting. We continue to seek others who have interest in the mission of ROCS and who have skills that could assist our healthy development, including: marketing/outreach, fundraising, commercial real estate, certified public accounting, and education and school administration whose values are consistent with those of ROCS. It is not required that these persons become members of the Board, but rather that they have the time/interest in working within their areas of expertise to facilitate our progress forward.

We will inform you of the outcome of the interview. The CSAB will send recommendations to the State Board of Education. The State Board will send their decisions to the state legislature, which then will vote on the Charters. Ultimately, the final decision is in the hands of our legislators.

Thank you for the support you have given us thus far. Your interest expressed in social media, your kind words and sharing of your beliefs and agreement in Waldorf-inspired public education, and your financial donations have encouraged us to continue the process. We are hopeful that those who will make this intention a reality will cast votes for the creation of Raleigh Oak Charter School.

Warmest regards,

Raleigh Oak Charter School Board of Directors