9th Annual SC Charter School Conference
From the Mountains to the Sea

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Dear Conference Attendees,

Welcome to the 9th Annual South Carolina Charter School Conference. With a record number of top-notch breakout sessions and increased opportunities to network, I hope you will return to your public charter schools energized to wrap up this school year and armed with ideas to plan for next year. By participating in this conference you are demonstrating your commitment to advancing the mission of your school and changing the educational landscape of South Carolina.

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- Technical assistance, training, and support
- Innovative advocacy efforts tied to the accountability and innovation of your school
- Resource development to better allocate your limited funding

Putting together a conference is always a challenging task and we would like to thank everyone who has been part of the planning with a special thank you to Orange Grove and our conference team. This year’s team included Sharon Dillon, Chair; Janet Tillman, Vendor Chair; Wanda Colston, Registration; Laura Blackmore and Victoria Dixon-Mokeba, presenter coordination, and Bill Moser, program support. Orange Grove Elementary Charter School jumped in and offered to host the conference this year as costs were escalating and we did not want to increase the registration fees to our schools. When you meet someone from Orange Grove at the conference please say thanks for their generosity and hospitality – what an amazing team Larry has!

Our sponsors are amazing this year, including our Platinum Sponsor, Charter School Specialists, who have both financially sponsored the conference and donated their expertise to assist SCACPS staff in building capacity to better meet your needs. We have a record number of vendors this year – not something we were expecting in this economy. They all understand that, as public schools, our resources are limited. They are ready to help you find solutions that make sense for your school and your budget. Please take the time to thank them for making this conference possible through their support.

Because of the generosity of this year’s sponsors, we are able to offer a record number of conference scholarships to over 25 planning group members. Please continue the charter school tradition of reaching out to help these planning groups by inviting them to your schools and sharing best practices. One of the best ways to advocate for public charter schools is to develop highly effective charter schools across the state.

Again, thanks for joining us for this year – each year gets better because of your involvement!

Thank you,

Mary Carmichael
Executive Director
Mary.Carmichael@SCCharterSchools.org

The Mission of the SC Association of Public Charter Schools is to advance innovation and accountability in South Carolina’s public education through the development and support of public charter schools.
March 26, 2010

Members and Guests of the
South Carolina Association of Public Charter Schools Conference

It is with great pleasure that I welcome members and guests of the South Carolina Association of Public Charter Schools to Orange Grove and to my hometown of Charleston.

First, I would like to thank you for the tremendous job you perform for the students of our state’s charter schools. As Speaker of the South Carolina House of Representatives, I realize how fortunate our educational system is to have successful charter schools staffed with dedicated professionals like you. I truly appreciate the excellent job you do.

Second, I would like to offer you a warm welcome to our great city. Charleston is a beautiful city and is an excellent representative of southern beauty, culture and hospitality. Our city offers fine dining, excellent shopping, and carriage rides for an enjoyable day and exciting evening.

“From the Mountain to the Sea” is a great theme and after reviewing the conference matrix, I know you will enjoy the many outstanding speakers and programs that have been thoughtfully planned.

Please accept my very best wishes for a successful conference and an enjoyable visit to Charleston.

Sincerely,

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4:00 PM – 6:00 PM  Conference Registration  OGECS Office

Friday, March 26th

6:30 AM – 7:30 AM  Exhibitor Set Up  Main Lobby / Atrium
7:30 AM – 9:00 AM  Conference Registration  OGECS Office
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM  Breakfast / Keynote Address  Cafetorium
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM  Exhibits  Main Lobby / Atrium
11:15 AM – 12:15 PM  Breakout Session 1  Breakout Session Rooms
12:30 PM – 1:45 PM  Lunch and Learn  Cafetorium / On Your Own
1:45 PM – 2:45 PM  Breakout Session 2  Breakout Session Rooms
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM  Breakout Session 3  Breakout Session Rooms
4:15 PM – 6:15 PM  Reception  Charlestowne Landing

Saturday, March 27th

7:15 AM – 7:45 AM  Conference Registration  OGECS Office
7:45 AM – 8:30 AM  Continental Breakfast  SCAPCS Annual Meeting  Cafetorium
7:45 AM – 12:15 PM  Exhibits  Main Lobby / Atrium
8:45 AM – 9:45 AM  Breakout Session 4  Breakout Session Rooms
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM  Breakout Session 5  Breakout Session Rooms
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## Breakout Sessions At A Glance

**Friday, March 26, 2010**  
**Breakout Session 1**  
11:15 AM – 12:15 PM

1.1 Organizing & Establishing a Successful Writer’s Workshop .................................... Art Room  
1.2 Facility Financing for Charter Schools 101 ................................................................. SAIL Room  
1.3 Proven Practices for Building Advocacy for Charter Schools .................................. Room F-206  
1.4 The Future of the SC Public Charter School District ................................................. Room F-205  
1.5 PowerSchool – Implementation in Your Charter School .......................................... Room F-208  
1.6 The National Charter School Resource Center ......................................................... Computer Lab  
1.7 The Impact of IDEA on Educating Students in Charter Schools ......................... Room F-209

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**Friday, March 26, 2010**  
**Breakout Session 2**  
1:45 PM – 2:45 PM

2.1 Innovations in Virtual Education .............................................................................. Art Room  
2.2 Show Me the Money! ................................................................................................. SAIL Room  
2.3 What’s My Leadership Style? (Part 1) ...................................................................... Room F-206  
2.4 Are You Ready? Q&A for Charter Applicant Groups .............................................. Room F-205  
2.5 The Delicate Balance of Board & Principal Autonomy & Accountability .......... Room F-208  
2.6 OnePlaceSC: ETV’s Newest K-12 Educational Resources ...................................... Computer Lab  
2.7 Mandalas: Circles of Discovery ................................................................................. Room F-209

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**Friday, March 26, 2010**  
**Breakout Session 3**  
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

3.1 School with a Different View .................................................................................. Art Room  
3.2 What You Need to Know about Audits and 990’s .................................................. SAIL Room  
3.3 What’s My Leadership Style? (Part 2) ..................................................................... Room F-206  
3.4 Beyond Brick & Mortar: Virtual Education Sweeps SC ...................................... Room F-205  
3.5 Transform Classroom Disruptions into Valuable Teaching Time ......................... Room F-208  
3.6 Learning Village – Building Best Practices .......................................................... Computer Lab  
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Breakout Session Room Locations

FIRST FLOOR SESSIONS
- ART
- SAIL
- COMPUTER LAB

COMPUTER ACCESS
- MEDIA CENTER

FULL GROUP ACTIVITIES
- CAFETORIUM

VENDORS
- ATRIUM

SECOND FLOOR SESSIONS
- ROOM F 205
- ROOM F 206
- ROOM F 208
- ROOM F 209

ELEVATOR

STAIRS TO SECOND FLOOR

CAFETORIUM

ART

SAIL

MEDIA CENTER

RESTROOMS

ELEVATOR

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Charter Application Writers Review  1:30 PM – 4:30 PM  Computer Lab

Planning groups will spend several hours deconstructing their charter applications and prepare them for the May 3rd deadline. We will look at each section of the application and review guide. Leave with a clear work plan for the coming month.

Mary Carmichael is the Executive Director of SCAPCS and one of the founders of Charleston Charter School for Math and Science. She has been working charter school planning groups for 4 years.

Charter School Strategic Planning  2:00 PM – 5:00 PM  SAIL Room

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Registration  4:00 PM – 6:00 PM  OGECS Office

Sharon Dillon is the Conference Director and the Teacher Coach at Orange Grove Elementary Charter School in Charleston.

Our sincerest appreciation to the TIGERS of Orange Grove Elementary Charter School for hosting the Conference at their beautiful new school!
Conference Sessions and Events
Friday, March 26, 2010

Exhibitor Set Up 6:30 AM – 7:30 AM  Main Lobby Atrium
Janet Tillman is the Exhibitor Coordinator and an Academic Assistance Teacher at Orange Grove Elementary Charter School in Charleston.

Opening Breakfast 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM  Cafetorium

Welcome to the Conference and to Orange Grove  Larry Dicenzo
Welcome and Thanks to our Hosts and Sponsors  Sharon Dillon
Charleston Development Academy Singing Eagles  Sandra Barnhardt
Introduction of Keynote Speaker  Bob Bohnstengel

Frank Charles Winstead

Frank Charles Winstead is passionate about teaching. He considers it the most important job in the world – the profession that makes all of the other professions possible. Furthermore, public education provides for many children their only opportunity to realize their hopes. For these students, the schoolhouse becomes the bridge to a dream.

Today, many children live in poverty. They come to the schoolhouse every day from dysfunctional families in deteriorating neighborhoods. And they come, as Jim Trelease has expressed it, “in search of more than reading and math skills. They are looking for a light in the darkness of their lives, a Good Samaritan who will stop and bandage a bruised heart or ego.”

While it is essential to keep the main thing the main thing at the schoolhouse - student learning, teaching entails much more than dispensing knowledge. In Winstead’s office, there is a framed display of the cover of the May, 1987, Middle School Journal and the editor’s column “As I See It” entitled “Wayside Teaching.” In it, Editor John H. Lounsbury defines wayside teaching as “the teaching that is done between classes, when
walking in the halls, after school, and in dozens of one-on-one encounters, however brief.” And he claims, “When all is said and done, what is said informally and casually may have more impact on a person’s behavior than what is said while formally instructing a class. . . . It is in the relationships developed in wayside teaching that one is most likely to influence the lives of others.”

This concept captured much of Winstead’s philosophy and he has used it as a focus of one of his most popular presentations, “Wayside Teaching in a Place Called School.” This talk also acknowledges another of his mentors, John Goodlad. When Winstead speaks, he weaves into his presentation anecdotes and stories about the teachers in his personal “Hall of Fame.” This makes his message real, relevant, and engaging. Frank Winstead entertains, but he is not an entertainer; rather, he is a gifted teacher and communicator whose messages are genuine, powerful, uplifting, and often poignant.

Frank Winstead completed thirty-one years of service in public education in Georgia. He was a classroom teacher at the elementary, junior high, and high school levels. He was on the staff at West Georgia College for two years in the Department of Educational Media, where he designed and produced teaching materials for faculty members and taught media production classes. He was a middle school principal for 5 years and served for 16 years as the director of Educational Media in DeKalb County, Georgia, the largest school district in the state. Winstead retired in 1994 to devote full time to speaking and writing.

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Breakout Session 1       11:15 AM – 12:15 PM

1.1 Organizing and Establishing a Successful Writer’s Workshop       Art Room

Come learn how to use a Writer’s Workshop to help your students become accomplished writers. You will receive information on ways to get your students organized, how to conduct mini lessons as well as larger lessons on the writing process, and how to hold successful conferences with your students.

Richard Mullins is a sixth and seventh grade teacher at Charleston Development Academy.

1.2 Facility Financing for Charter Schools 101       SAIL Room

Charter school leaders face the daunting task of juggling the academics and finances of their schools. Both start-ups and seasoned charter administrators alike can ease their apprehension by attending this hands-on budgeting workshop led by a nonprofit facilities lender. Learn the step-by-step process for making accurate projections, managing multiple revenue streams, budgeting for rainy days, and saving for capital expenditures.

Jane Ellis is the Director of Charter School Lending at Self-Help Credit Union.

1.3 Proven Practices for Building Advocacy for Charter Schools       Room F-206

Lack of adequate funding, insufficient or counterproductive legislation, unified messaging are common challenges all charter schools experience while establishing and sustaining their schools. In this session, participants will learn specific effective strategies for messaging the value of charter schools in their local community. A successful Advocacy Initiative will be shared that can be easily be duplicated to heighten/enhance the awareness of the value charter schools bring to your local community.

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1.4 The Future of the South Carolina Public Charter School District  
Room F-205

This session will outline the current standing of the South Carolina Public Charter School District with regard to history, schools, enrollment, finances, possible new charter schools, and political status. Possibilities for long-term sustainable growth for the district will be explored. The potential impact of the charter school movement on the public school environment will be considered against a historical overview of education in South Carolina.

Dr. Wayne Brazell is the Superintendent of the South Carolina Public Charter School District.

1.5 PowerSchool - Implementation in Your Charter School  
Room F-208

Join Leon Nelson and Gary West from the SCDE for a discussion on the transition to PowerSchool from SASI. Look at how data can be entered, accessed, and utilized - both in the classroom and in the charter school board room. Leave feeling empowered to roll into PowerSchool in the coming year!

Gary West is the Chief Information Officer and Director of Data Management and Analysis for the South Carolina Department of Education.

Leon Nelson oversees the implementation and technical support for South Carolina’s statewide student information systems for the South Carolina Department of Education.

1.6 The National Charter School Resource Center:  
Computer Lab
Technical Assistance and Resources for all Charter Schools

The National Charter School Resource Center (NCSRC) serves as a national center to provide on-demand resources, information, and technical assistance to support successful planning, authorizing, implementation, and sustainability of high-quality charter schools; to share evaluations on the effects of charter schools; and to disseminate information about successful practices in charter schools.

Abner Oakes is the National Charter School Resource Center's Deputy Director.
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1.7 The Impact of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) on Educating Students in Charter Schools

The purpose of this session is to provide guidance in maintaining compliance with all applicable federal and state statutes, regulations, policies, and procedures pertaining to the education of students with disabilities in light of the most recent amendments to the federal regulations and clarification provided through changes to the SCDE’s policies and procedures. The speaker will focus on the implementation of recent procedural changes to federal and state requirements in charter schools.

Barbara A. Drayton serves as deputy general counsel for the South Carolina Department of Education. Dr. Vanessa Nelson-Reed is the Education Associate for Fiscal Administration in the Office of Exceptional Children at the South Carolina Department of Education.
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SCAPCS Friends of Charters 2010
Lunch and Learn

12:30 PM – 12:40 PM
Cafetorium

12:30 PM – 1:45 PM
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Take advantage of this opportunity to network with charter schools from across the state and share ideas and resources.

A. Learning to Sail - the 'SHIPS' of a Leader
   Joel Medley, SCDE
   Discuss key characteristics for charter school leaders. Each characteristic relates to a unique task of charter school administration. Come with your own ideas and be prepared for an in-depth discussion of leadership.

B. National Alliance for Public Charter Schools Model Law
   Tiffani Tatum, NAPCS
   Tiffani will look at key areas of the model law and fill you in on how they were developed at the national level. She will discuss how other states are moving forward on improving their laws and listen to your ideas for SC that she can bring back to DC.

C. Green Cleaning: Implementation for a Healthier School
   Randy Cusick, Hilliard Inc.
   Looking for ways to provide a healthier school environment for students, teachers and custodians? Randy will discuss ways to accomplish this with methods to reduce costs as well as improve cleanliness and indoor air quality.

D. Transform Classroom Disruptions Into Valuable Time
   Adam Palmese, National Center for Teacher Effectiveness
   Discuss ways to stop wasting so much time disciplining students and regain your Time to Teach. Develop a positive school culture across all grades and in all classrooms. Learn and learn about research-based classroom management strategies that build a positive school culture in elementary and secondary classrooms.

E. Build a Low Cost Employee Benefit Package for Your School
   Mike Kreft, Baxter and Associates
   Mike is working with public charter school boards and principals across the state to develop improved and expanded employee benefit options with SCAPCS that actually save your school money.

F. Planning Groups – Are You Going to Make it to May 2nd?
   Sloan Cooper, Patterson's Academy
   Sloan will discuss work plan strategies to help you make it to May 3rd with a completed application and most of your sanity intact.

G. Financial Reality Check
   Bill Moser, Kelley-Moser Consulting, Inc.
   Enjoy a lively lunch with Bill as you discuss what questions you should be asking about your schools budget as you plan for next year.

H. Credit Recovery Options – Possible for Your Students
   Ellen Ray, Computigh
   Looking for ways to increase your high school graduation rate and help your students succeed? Join Ellen for a discussion on SC’s newest approved credit recovery option.

I. When Someone Gets Hurt, Are You Ready to Respond?
   Carl Cease – Workers Comp and Liability
   The founding and operation of a Public Charter School is an exciting process, but not without risks. What should your policy have included and what procedures should you have in place.

J. Q&A About Your Employee Benefits?
   Jeff Anderson, Baxter and Associates
   As teachers, what questions should you be asking your employers about your benefits before you need them. Discuss what typical disability plans cover and what other benefits may actually increase your paycheck because they are taken out pre-tax.

K. What College Expectations Are You Introducing to Your High School Students?
   Sunya Young, College Summit
   Sunya will share an innovative national program for high schools students that set high expectations for college readiness and success. Find out how you can bring this program to your school as a credit class.

L. Doesn’t Our Insurance Cover This?
   Insurance People
   As a Board Member, find out what questions to be asking before you approve your next policy. Discuss the process you should be taking to compare apples to apples.

M. Charter School Facilities Q & A
   Alex James, Director, SDE Office of School Facilities
   Is your school looking at upgrading your current facility or new facilities? Come by and talk about the process and the work you need to do before contacting his office to ensure a smooth process.

Hot Topics Tables

N. National Standards – Do We Need Them?
   There are new national standards being developed by the states. They are currently open for public comment – do we need them? Do we need national assessments so we can compare apples to apples?

O. What Really Makes a Great Teacher?
   This has been on the cover of several magazines in the past few weeks and a book is coming out in April on the topic. Discuss what your think makes a great teacher.

P. How Can We Use All of This Data We are Collecting?
   We have more data on our students than ever before & with even more data collection on the horizon - how is your school using it?

Q. How to Improve the High School Graduation rate in SC?
   Brainstorm ideas and discuss best practices that are working at your school.
Breakout Session 2 1:45 PM – 2:45 PM

2.1 Innovations in Virtual Education  Art Room

Virtual education enables the educator to harness the power of technology to enhance learning and improve student performance. This session will introduce the concept of virtual learning and demonstrate the innovative ways technology can be used to explain difficult concepts, to engage students in learning, to enhance teacher oversight of student progress, and to individualize student instruction. Included in the presentation will be discussion of some cutting edge developments in adaptive learning technologies being employed in the development of a remedial reading program and a new adaptive math program.

Alison Miller is in her second year serving as Chair of the South Carolina Virtual Charter School Board of Trustees.

2.2 Show Me the Money!  SAIL Room

This session will break down the basics of state education funding. Find out about changes that have taken place in the past year and how the categorical funds are now being combined and distributed as well as discuss the fiscal outlook for next year.

Mellanie Jinnette is the Financial Systems Manager in the Office of Finance at the South Carolina Department of Education.

2.3 What’s My Leadership Style? (Part 1)  Room F-206

Effective leadership at every level is a key characteristic of winning, resilient organizations. The question is how to develop those effective leaders? An essential first step is to gain insight into leader’s behavior and its affect on those they wish to lead. This session will include a leadership style assessment and debrief with objectives: Identify personal leadership styles, Learn how to capitalize on style strengths, Discover how to minimize style trouble spots, and Learn how to “flex” personal style to interact most effectively with others.

Mike Thun is an Education Associate with the South Carolina Department of Education in the Office of School Leadership.
Breakout Session 2

2.4 Are You Ready? Q&A for Charter Applicant Groups

This session is a last opportunity for any group writing a charter application to get some final questions answered. Further, this will focus on suggestions for the interview process and will highlight key pitfalls of past charter applications. The last part of the session is entirely question and answer to provide the most benefit for those in attendance.

Joel Medley is the Charter and Magnet Associate in the Office of Public School Choice and Innovation at the South Carolina Department of Education.

2.5 The Delicate Balance of Board and Principal Autonomy and Accountability

Principals want Autonomy - Boards need to have Accountability. It is imperative that school leadership has the ability to manage the day-to-day school operations, yet it is equally imperative that school boards have confidence that all compliance matters are being measured, addressed, and handled appropriately. This session will define from a board perspective what accountability measures should be in place. From the principal and operator perspective we will discuss where autonomy lines should not be crossed and what a successful principal needs from a board. Key communication strategies pivotal in improving the relationship between the board, the principal and others will be identified.

Cindy Tucci is Vice President, Partnership Development with Charter School Specialists. Catherine West is Vice President, Governmental Relations with Charter Schools Specialists.

2.6 OnePlaceSC: ETV’s Newest K-12 Educational Resources

Visit OnePlaceSC, ETV’s newest K-12 educational resource. OnePlaceSC makes available to schools resources from ITV, knowitall.org, DISCUS, as well as a multitude of free state instructional resources with a single sign-on to the web site oneplacesc.org that allows teachers to search quality educational content.

Diane Gregory is with the South Carolina Department of Education Instructional Television providing professional development on ITV resources, StreamlineSC and OnePlaceSC resources.
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Breakout Session 2  
1:45 PM – 2:45 PM (Continued)

2.7 Mandalas: Circles of Discovery  
Room F-209

This workshop will explore the use of mandalas as a tool for self-discovery and creative growth. Using the circle as a format, participants will create images that use a variety of media to connect to the inner self. After the drawing exercise, participants will integrate written expression through poetry and/or journal writing to describe and analyze the drawing experience. The use of mandalas as an introduction to written expression is successful with diverse ages and abilities and can be translated in all educational disciplines and age groups.

*Laura DeLaMaza teaches Visual Art at James Island Charter High School. She is actively involved with the use of the Mandala to increase student proficiency in written expression. Sandy Stafford is the Fine Arts Chair at James Island Charter High School.*

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Breakout Session 3
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

3.1 School with a Different View
Art Room

Carolina School for Inquiry is a multi-age, inquiry-based charter school. In this session, parents, teachers, students, and the school's administrator share the power of school/community relationships. The presenters will also dispel myths and misconceptions about inquiry and culturally relevant pedagogy offering insights into the critical and generative nature of learning where all stakeholders are positioned as learners.

Damon Hodges teaches 4th and 5th grades at Carolina School for Inquiry. Chris Richards is a Teacher Leader and teaches 4th and 5th grades at Carolina School for Inquiry. Erica Spradley teaches 6th grade at Carolina School for Inquiry. Victoria Dixon-Mokeba is the Director/Lead Teacher at Carolina School for Inquiry.

3.2 What You Need to Know about Audits and 990s
SAIL Room

Charter Schools must be in compliance with all of the nonprofit fiscal requirements. Come discuss which information needs to be included in the 990 so you are prepared for next year and do not put yourself in jeopardy of losing your 501(c)(3) status. And what did you do with last year's audit - questions you should be asking before it gets stored on a shelf in the office.

Tim Grow is a CPA with more than 12 years experience auditing local education agencies (LEAs). He has audited Charter Schools for the past 5 years and currently has 10 charter school clients.

3.3 What’s My Leadership Style? (Part 2)
Room F-206

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Mike Thun is an Education Associate with the South Carolina Department of Education in the Office of School Leadership.
Breakout Session 3 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM (Continued)

3.4 Beyond Brick and Mortar: Virtual Education Sweeps South Carolina  Room F-205

The SC Virtual Charter School provides online instruction to over 1800 K5 through 12th grade students throughout SC. The unique features of the school and the aspects of counseling in the virtual environment will be addressed in the presentation.

Dr. Cherry Daniel is the Head of School the South Carolina Virtual Charter School (SCVCS). Dr. Phil Flynn serves as the Secondary School Administrator and Title 1 Coordinator. Ms. Reid is the Director of High School Guidance at SCVCS.

3.5 Transform Classroom Disruptions into Valuable Teaching Time  Room F-208

Buckle your seat belts for this fast-paced session! Learn how to establish rapport with students and how to diffuse low level behavior with non-judgmental, calming statements. Observe how to explicitly teach routines and expectations to students – to get positive behavior THE FIRST TIME you ask them to do something. This presentation is filled with humor, real-life examples, and research-based classroom management strategies that build a positive school culture in all elementary and secondary classrooms. Transform your school into one that disciplines students effectively, consistently, and most importantly, with dignity.

Adam Palmese is the National Director for the Center for Teacher Effectiveness.

3.6 Learning Village – Building Best Practices  Computer Lab

Are you looking for an instructional framework that will foster innovative instruction, facilitate accountability, and provide continuity of curriculum? Learning Village is a powerful curriculum management solution that enhances the teaching and learning experience by connecting educators to the best practices, instructional strategies, lesson plans, and resources that enable measurable student achievement. Come see how Learning Village can change the culture of your school to build mastery, confidence, engagement and academic success.

Patricia Clark is a Curriculum Specialist and a former educator with 25 years in a variety of K-12 settings.
Breakout Session 3 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM (Continued)

3.7 Teach to the Beat of a Different Drummer Room F-209

Research shows that schools with a strong emphasis on arts integration incur benefits such as increased creative capacities, growth in use of higher order thinking skills, and higher student achievement. This session focuses on integrating music into the core curriculum as well as suggestions for guiding students in creating lyrics and music. Come whistle while you work AND tap into your inner “Pop Star” while taking your students to the apex of Bloom’s Taxonomy.

Karen Owens is a fifth grade teacher at Orange Grove Elementary Charter School.

Reception 4:15 PM – 6:15 PM Charlestowne Landing

Please join us at the Founders’ Hall at Charlestowne Landing for a relaxing afternoon reception where you can catch up with old friends, make new friends, and enjoy the company of your fellow conference attendees.

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Breakout Session 4
8:45 AM – 9:45 AM

4.1 Controlling Fraud Risk through Good Internal Controls
Art Room

This session is aimed at familiarizing Principals, Board Members and Business Managers with the risks all schools face with fraud. We will look at recent fraud headlines, fraud statistics, common fraud myths, and real-life fraud instances from the presenters experience. Once provided a clear understanding of how fraud can affect your school, we will examine how good internal controls structures within your school can deter, prevent, and detect fraud in order to minimize the risk exposure to our educational process.

Justin Kiddy is a CPA and CFE with McCay, Kiddy & Associates, LLC in Mount Pleasant, SC and has been performing audit engagements of school districts and charter schools for 12 years.

4.2 Working with the ADHD Child (Part 1)
SAIL Room

This presentation is meant to provide updated information regarding the assessment and diagnosis of Attention Deficit-Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), the myths and facts about how ADHD is manifested in day-to-day functioning, and practical strategies to help with talking to parents and working with the ADHD child in the classroom.

Tom Harrison is the certified School Psychologist at Orange Grove Elementary Charter School.

4.3 Decreased Classroom Problems – Charter School Success!
Room F-206

Every administrator and teacher has known the frustration of losing valuable instruction time to matters of discipline. Teachers need strategies that are proven to restore that lost time in a way that is simple, fair, and mutually respectful. Every administrator, school, and teacher is faced with the pressure of raising student achievement levels. These strategies will help restore the time administrators and teachers need to help students achieve and raise test scores!

Kimberly Tolbert is Special Education Teacher/Coordinator at Fuller Normal Advanced Technology Charter School.
Breakout Session 4  
8:45 AM – 9:45 AM (Continued)

4.4 Classroom Observations: What Am I Looking For?  
Room F-205

A key part of every principal’s job is evaluating the effectiveness of the teachers in the school. Classroom observations can provide valuable insights in just a few minutes. How do you evaluate your staff and what do you do with the information?

*John H. Clendaniel is the Assistant Principal at Orange Grove Elementary Charter School.*

4.5 Communication: Your Key to Positive Stakeholder Relationships  
Room F-208

Regular communication is essential to building and sustaining positive relationships. It's important to share good news with your key stakeholders, and even more important to share and address bad news. Too often, we overlook opportunities to provide updates on key activities because of time restraints, but the benefits of sharing progress and success with parents, staff, board members, legislators and the local community far outweigh the investment. Attend this session for a candid discussion of why regular communication with key stakeholders should be a top priority and how to simplify the process to reduce your investment of time.

*Catherine West serves as Vice President of Governmental Relations for Charter School Specialists.*

4.6 Knowitall.org – Not Just Fun and Games  
Computer Lab

Knowitall.org is ETV's free, web-based multimedia portal featuring a collection of 48 interactive sites for K-12 teachers, parents, and students covering the arts, math, science, language arts and more. This session will introduce you to this valuable educational tool that can enhance learning by allowing children to interact with quality, standards-based information and content. Come take a fun, in-depth tour and become a certified Knowitall!

*Brack Clemons currently works for SCETV as an Education Technology Instructor.*

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Breakout Session 5 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

5.1 Worst Case Scenario – Does Our Insurance Cover This?  Art Room

Join our Risk Management Panel to find out the answers to your insurance questions before you need to know. What questions do you need to be asking when you get your insurance quotes? What does Directors and Officers insurance cover? Do your contracted employees need their own coverage? What are some of the biggest risks our experts see?

Stephen Griffin is the President of Insurance People, Inc. Matt Lupino is a regional underwriting manager for the Middle Atlantic Regional Office of Utica National Insurance. Carl Cease is the owner of The Covenant Group, a commercial risk management firm located centrally in Columbia, South Carolina.

5.2 Working with the ADHD Child (Part 2)  SAIL Room

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5.3 Employee Benefits Simplified  Room F-206

TRUE or FALSE?  1. An employer who elects the SC Retirement System must contribute 6% on behalf of each employee who elects SCRS.  2. Employees have both short-term and long-term disability through the State.  3. If a school elects SCRS, all full-time employees must contribute to & choose the SCRS defined benefit option.  4. School district or State employees generally visit schools during open-enrollment to assist employees with their enrollment options.  5. SCRS will cover approximately 75% of a teacher’s pre-retirement compensation after 28 years of service. If you answered "True" to any of the above questions, come to this seminar! Whether you are a new charter school struggling with making benefit decisions, or a well-established school facing funding concerns and time constraints, you don't want to miss this seminar.

Mike Kreft is a Chartered Financial Consultant (ChFC). Jeff Anderson is a Registered Employee Benefits Consultant (REBC).
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5.4  But I Can’t Act! Using Drama to Stimulate Writing  Room F-205

Learn about ways to help students overcome the blank page in writing. Involve all of your students in learning and applying meaning to subjects they write about. Process drama is a powerful tool that can be used by teachers of all age groups to reach a variety of learners. Students actively participate and meaningful context is developed thus producing eager writers.

Janice Biggs teaches 4th grade ELA and Social Studies at Orange Grove Elementary Charter School.

5.5  All Hands on Deck! Ship Shape Board Meetings  Room F-208

Structure your governing board to ensure effectiveness both during and between board meetings. The how to’s of setting agendas, taking minutes, managing meetings and yes, establishing committees so that you have a proactive, working board.

Jane Taylor is Vice-Chair on the East Cooper Montessori Charter School Governing Board. Jane has just recently partnered with SCAPCS as a resource to help current and new charters achieve their goals.

5.6  Harness the Power of Educational Technology (Part 1)  Computer Lab

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Breakout Session 6 11:15 AM – 12:15 AM

6.1 Money the Charter Schools Often Leave on the Table  Art Room

Key revenue streams are ignored, mishandled, or not maximized fully by charter school leaders. Join us for an interactive discussion about Medicaid, our Federal Programs, SASI, lead by a panel of experts. We will discuss coding mistakes and the importance of proper documentation, working waiting lists and enrollment, managing federal program dollars, and an often untapped revenue stream "Medicaid funding". A must for new school development teams, charter school business managers, board treasurers, and charter school leaders.

Larry DiCenzo is the Principal of Orange Grove Elementary Charter School. Faith Behringer is the Federal Programs Director, Charter School Specialists. Diane Etling is the SASi Technician for Orange Grove Elementary Charter School. Cindy Tucci is Vice President, Partnership Development with Charter School Specialists.

6.2 Legislative Update and Charter School Advocacy  SAIL Room

Come discuss the current Bill and Funding Provisos with Mary Carmichael, SCAPCS Executive Director. Look at the model law and other key areas we are trying to improve. Share grassroots advocacy ideas that are working for your school and leave with new ideas to engage your community in a positive and proactive way. Brainstorm ideas to overcome the number one hurdle we still have in SC after 10 years - Charter Schools are Public Schools.

Mary Carmichael is the Executive Director of SCAPCS and one of the founders of Charleston Charter School for Math and Science.

6.3 Use It or Lose It! Foreign Languages in the Elementary School  Room F-206

In a world that is increasingly diverse and multicultural, it becomes essential that our students expand their knowledge of languages. Research has shown that learning a foreign language at an early age enriches and enhances a child's mental development; has a positive effect on intellectual growth; and improves a child's understanding of his/her native language. The purpose of this workshop is to show the importance of integrating-consolidating language skills students have acquired in their Spanish classes.

Maria Hinestroza is the third through fifth grade Spanish teacher at Orange Grove Elementary Charter School.
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Breakout Session 6  11:15 AM – 12:15 AM (Continued)

6.4 Succession Planning: Building Your School Leadership From Within  Room F-205

School leadership changes are inevitable; every school will experience a turnover at the top at some point in its lifecycle. Therefore, succession planning is a vital practice to ensure ongoing viability of any organization. One of the primary responsibilities of any Charter School leader is to ensure that people are trained to take over a school by focusing on developing leadership from within and training staff to step up and continue to foster the school’s mission. This session will discuss how a leader can build an extremely strong pipeline of leadership that helps ensure school sustainability and continued growth.

Dr. Barbara Stoops is the Executive Director of Palmetto State E-Cademy and the President of the Palmetto Charter Network.

6.5 Your Website as a 21st Century Learning Tool  Room F-208

Find out how schools are designing websites that are actually used by parents, teachers, and students to communicate and learn – building true connections. Get a breakdown of the necessary components that will increase the use of your school’s site. Did you know your school may quality for E-rate funds to help pay for your website?

Elliott Hawkes is with e-Chalk. She assists schools across South Carolina in developing cost effective website, email, and family communication solutions.

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Awards Luncheon 12:15 PM – 1:30 PM Cafetorium

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Dr. Linda Karges-Bone is with Education InSite and is one of the most successful grant writers in the country, with millions of dollars of school grants to her credit. Her most recent work includes a series of $1.5 million grants for the Long Beach, CA schools. Her best-selling book, "The Educator's Guide to Grants" is considered an integral tool for charter schools.

SC Charter Board Orientation

1:30 PM – 4:00 PM
SAIL Room

Complete your Annual Board Orientation requirements and return to your schools with the knowledge to advance the mission of your public charter school. Cover governance basics and South Carolina Charter School requirements.

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