I. Call to Order
Call to order made by Mr. Don DeAquino at 3:45 PM.

II. Welcome
Mr. Don DeAquino, Chairperson
Board members present at the meeting were Mr. Don DeAquino, Dr. Nancy Brown, Dr. Mike Brady, Ms. Belen Chee, Mr. Glenn Thomas, Dr. Paul Peluso and Dr. James McLaughlin.
Board member not present was Mr. James Tobin.
Also present at the meeting were Ms. Lydia Bartram, Mr. Robert Chee and Ms. Kristina Cornwell.

III. Introductions
Mr. Don DeAquino, Chairperson
Mr. De Aquino introduced each of the Board members.

IV. Approval of Minutes
Mr. Don DeAquino, Chairperson

Motion – Motion to approve minutes from December 17, 2008 made by Dr. Nancy Brown.
Second – Seconded by Mr. Glenn Thomas.
Unanimous Approval

V. Director’s Report
Ms. Lydia Bartram, Director
1. Mrs. Bartram gave the Board an update on the current enrollment status and also included the number of children in each classroom. Q.I.S (Quality Improvement System) guidelines recommend no more than 97 students to be enrolled in order to qualify for a four star rating. Currently there are 95 students enrolled.
2. The volunteer program is ready to launch and Mrs. Bartram will begin identifying volunteers.
3. Boundless Playgrounds has offered to do a free design consultation for the playground area. They are looking to make the play area barrier free and environmentally friendly.
4. An assessment of the snacks is in process and several parents have requested organic snacks be served. There is discussion of a possible partnership with Whole Foods. Prices are being compared.
5. Representatives from the Quality Improvement System (Q.I.S) are expected to visit the Slattery Center for the star rating evaluation and audits by the first of April.
6. The Developmentally Appropriate Practices (D.A.P) for early childhood standards have been revised and will be discussed at a future staff development meeting.
7. The staff was challenged to devise a plan to reduce costs. Darci was successful in saving $804 worth of replacement mats for the classrooms since they were still under warranty.
8. The Slattery silent Auction is April 17th and will be hosted at the Baldwin House. Tickets are selling for $30 per person and $55 per couple.

VI. Action Items

A. Current Year Budget Projections
   1. Mr. Don DeAquino handed the Board members a budget analysis and explained the Slattery budget as of February 23, 2009.
   2. Mr. DeAquino reported to the Board that, in general, finances have improved since Ms. Bartram has been the Director of the Slattery Center. Ms. Bartram was complimented on her efforts to closely monitor budgetary issues at Slattery.
   3. Ms. Lydia Bartram informed the Board that in order to ensure parents follow through with registration new families are charged the $150 registration fee in addition to one month tuition.

B. 2009-2010 School Budget
   1. Ms. Lydia Bartram requested Ms. Kristina Cornwell conduct a survey on comparable local school tuitions in order to validate a tuition increase in the next school year for Slattery. The information will be reported at the next Slattery Board meeting.
   2. Mr. Robert Chee will prepare a chart with projections for a tuition increase of 1% - 2%. The Board will discuss and vote at the next Board meeting.
   3. The Finance Committee agreed to meet prior to the next Board meeting to discuss the possibility of the tuition increase.

C. Playground Repairs
   1. Ms. Bartram requested the Board’s approval to fix the infant play area which was inspected. The rubber ground will cost approximately $1510 to repair.
   2. The Alligator play area will also need repair in the future that may cost approximately $2,000.

Motion - Motion made by Dr. Paul Peluso to fix the infant play area
Second - Seconded by Mr. Don DeAquino
Unanimous Approval

D. Dispute Resolution Policy
   1. Dr. Brown suggested the Policy contain a line to address the confidentiality of the Dispute Resolution Form
   2. Grammatical errors were found in the draft Policy
Motion – Motion made by Dr. Paul Peluso to accept the Dispute Resolution Policy with the proper modifications
Second – Seconded by Mr. Don DeAquino
Unanimous Approval

VII. Discussion Items
Dr. Nancy Brown,
1. Dr. Brown discussed the staff development overview. The staff will be visiting the Pine Jog School in West Palm Beach in an effort to develop ideas for a “greener” Slattery.
2. On Monday, March 2nd Dr. Seuss’ birthday will be celebrated in a special event which will include visual story readings from Dr. James McLaughlin, Dr. Valerie Bristor, Dr. Dilys Schoorman and Mr. Glenn Thomas.
3. Dr. Brown gave a brief update on the faculty open house events.
4. Training on teaching diversity will be given to the staff at Slattery.
5. There is a parent workshop on March 10th which will focus the impact of the current economic crisis on young children and families.

VIII. Old Business
None

IX. Public Comment
None

X. Announcements, Communications and Comments
None

XI. Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM

Motion – Motion made by Mr. Don DeAquino to adjourn the meeting
Second- Seconded by Dr. Nancy Brown
Unanimous Approval