

**Advantage Academy of Miami, Inc.
d/b/a
Advantage Academy of Math and Science at Waterstone
Everglades Preparatory Academy
Everglades Preparatory Academy High School
Palm Glades Preparatory Academy
Palm Glades Preparatory Academy High School
Summerville Advantage Academy
Santa Fe Advantage Academy**

**Doral International Academy of Math and Science (f/k/a Advantage Academy of
Math and Science at Summerville)**

**Governing Board Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2015**

Present at Meeting

Nathaniel Grasch – Chairman

Bassema Iskandarani - Board Member

Shirlynn Webb – Board Member

Victoria Ramos – Summerville Advantage Academy, Principal

Jeannette Reyes – Summerville Advantage Academy, Administrative Assistant, Parent Liaison

Archalena Coats – Palm Glades Preparatory Academy, Principal

Marjorie Lopez – Palm Glades Preparatory Academy, Assistant Principal, Parent Liaison

Margarita Curiel – Everglades Preparatory Academy, Dean of Students, Parent Liaison

Yesenia Cantillo – Santa Fe Advantage Academy, Principal

Nancy Roque – The Charter School at Waterstone, Principal

Mike Strader – CSA

Jay Drag - CSA

Meeting called to order at 4:20 PM by Nathaniel Grasch

A. Opening Exercises

Nathaniel Grsch, Board Chairman, asked if there were any changes or revisions to the prior meeting minutes. Shirlynn Webb requested a motion to approve the Governing Board meeting minutes and run both meetings (Advantage Academy of Miami and The Charter School at Waterstone) simultaneously. Bassem Iskanarani seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion passed.

1. Adoption of Agenda – Mike Strader requested Board approval to amend the agenda by adding an additional Information Item to authorize the Board Chair to enter into negotiation and execution of Lease for Doral school in section E.

B. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

C. Principal Reports

Palm Glades Preparatory Academy and Palm Glades Preparatory High School – Archalena Coats, Principal, reported enrollment for the middle school was at 305 and High School at 356. Ms. Coats was happy to report the school started a chapter of National Honor Society and included their first group of students. In addition, PGA had its first time competition in speech and debate with a new teacher on board to help represent the school. The school had a successful open house with an increase in family participation. A parent/guardian academy was started where parents will visit for an hour each week to review Edline and the portal. Ms. Coats was excited to announce a student had been awarded the Posse Foundation Scholarship, based on a specific academic GPA and community involvement. The school will be joining Everglades Preparatory Academy with tackle football this year and parents are very excited. The staff recently performed a surprise uniform check and students that were wearing appropriate regulation uniforms with badges were recognized in the cafeteria, Ms. Coats was happy to report it was a packed room. The Board welcomed Marjorie Lopez, Assistant Principal of Palm Glades to the school. Ms. Lopez recently relocated from the Pensacola area with her husband and has been in education for 22 years as an elementary and high school teacher in addition to working in administration for charter schools.

Advantage Academy of Santa Fe – Yesenia Cantillo, Principal, reported on her challenges with enrollment this school year due to new charter schools opening and families leaving due to relocation. The current enrollment is at 273. The school raised over \$5,000 in their book fair and in the next few months they are planning a lot of activities including Heritage Day and “Read for the Record” where everyone reads at the same time. The 5th annual “Trunk or Treat” event will include a pie throwing contest. Ms. Cantillo is very proud of the teachers and reported they are in the 66th percentile in reading.

Everglades Preparatory Academy and Everglades Preparatory Academy High School – Margarita Curiel, Dean of Academics, filled in for Principal, Aimee Leyva. Ms. Curiel reported total enrollment was at 969.

Upcoming events include the Robotics club, National Hispanic Heritage Month and the homecoming dance. They will re-test for algebra 1 focusing on the seniors who haven't passed. Mr. Strader asked Ms. Curiel to tell the Board about herself. Ms. Curiel said she started with Everglades from the very beginning and was a teacher for 10 years before being promoted to Dean of Academics.

Summerville Advantage Academy, Victoria Ramos, Principal, reported the school is fully enrolled at 551 students. Ms. Ramos was happy to report the school did well on FSA. The school hosted a successful grandparent's day and a book fair that raised \$3,000. They participated in "Dad Walk Your Child to Class Day" was a hit and an event they will continue next year. The school is promoting perfect attendance by celebrating with a party thrown for those students.

D. Information Items

Mr. Strader asked the Board to contact him or Jeannette Merced with any questions regarding the monthly financials. Ms. Iskandarani thanked Mr. Strader for sending the electronic flash drives she receives in the mail that contains all board meeting supporting documents.

October 12 is the first survey by the state of how many students are enrolled; Mr. Strader explained this is how the schools get funded. The principals were given respective school budgets and by law they can't have school expenses that exceed revenues. The 2015 Audit Reports were recently sent out to Board members and the principals were given a copy. The auditor sends them to the district and they are also posted on the school website.

Mr. Strader stated they need to create a Board account for Advantage Academy of Miami due to several employees working at multiple locations and they are trying to establish a corporate entity account to pay them from. Advantage Academy of Miami will bill the schools for these services. The Resolution was passed out to Board members and needs to be signed by the Board Chair.

Mr. Strader discussed the Professional Services Agreement which also needs to be signed by the Board. This is a paper trail for the auditors that the Board needs to authorize.

Construction for Doral is approximately 25% finished, with full completion by mid-May. Student capacity is 900 with the floor plan resembling Palm Glades Academy. He said it will be a K-8 school, in a densely populated area so there shouldn't be any problem for enrollment. Mr. Strader passed out an Agreement to authorize the Board Chair to negotiate and execute a Lease Agreement for Doral.

E. Consent Agenda Items

Mr. Strader stated the Agreements and Waivers are standard items that are always on the agenda. The Board gives him authorization to execute contracts and purchase orders for each school on behalf of the Board with confirmation requested at the next Board meeting. The out of field waiver(s) were presented on Exhibit A. Mr. Strader also asked the Board to approve the establishment of a new Bank Account for Advantage Academy of Miami "Board Account."

Mr. Grasc asked for a motion to approve the consent Items, Bassema Iskandarani seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

F. Items Scheduled for Action & Discussion

Mr. Strader asked the Board to approve the FY 16 budget and audit reports. Mr. Strader will bring amended budget(s) to the Board following Survey 3 and the confirmed enrollment.

Shirlynn Webb asked for a motion to approve Items in F1, F2 and F3 and Bassema Iskandarani seconded and all were in favor and the motion passed.

G. Board Member Reports

Shirlynn Webb said she works at a non-profit that provides families in need with meals and would like to offer the service to the schools. Ms. Webb asked if anyone knows of a family from one of the schools that may need a meal on Thanksgiving they will deliver the ready-made meal right to their house. Ms. Webb currently visits "Silvia's Home" and delivers meals to them.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm