

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

Location: Everglades Preparatory Academy
May 26, 2016

Present at Meeting

Bassema Iskandarani - Board Member

Shirlynn Webb – Board Member

Dalila Ruiz – Board Member

Victoria Ramos – Principal

Archalena Coats - Principal

Aimee Leyva – Principal

Teresita Nieves – Principal

Dr. Rebecca Valdes – Principal

Mary March – Assistant Principal

Jeanette Reyes – Administrative Assistant

Maggie Millian – Administrative Assistant

Samantha Proebsting – Santa Fe Advantage Academy

Mike Strader – CSA

Jeannette Merced – CSA

Jill Balthazar - CSA

Meeting called to order at 4:20p.m. by Shirlynn Webb.

A. Opening Exercises

Shirlynn Webb, Board Member, asked if there were any changes or revisions to the prior meeting minutes. There being none, 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. Dalila Ruiz made the motion to approve the meeting minutes and run the two meetings simultaneously, Bassema Iskandarani seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion passed. Mike Strader noted there was an additional Resolution and Promissory Note for discussion and approval to the agenda items.

B. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

C. Principal Reports

Santa Fe Advantage Academy – Teresita Nieves, Principal reported the students were very excited for their recent pep rally and talent show and it included local musicians. They celebrated spirit week with 5 year themes and they are currently planning for graduation the last week of June.

Everglades Preparatory Academy – Aimee Leyva, Principal reported registration is currently at 990. Ms. Leyva said the students celebrated with a successful carnival. At the college fair the students learned to fill out the FAFSA form and one student was chosen to get a paid internship. The theme for the art show was pop art and they recruited a band to play. They are looking forward to graduation on June 7.

Summerville Advantage Academy – Victoria Ramos, Principal was excited to report the SAT scores are better than last year and students are scoring above 70% in Math for the end of year exams. The school recently celebrated a teacher appreciation week with food trucks, a car wash and trip to the spa. The 5th grade students visited Palm Glades Academy and the kindergartners went on a field trip to Jungle Island. Ms. Ramos was happy to report Title 1 went well and they are looking forward to upcoming graduation.

Palm Glades Preparatory Academy – Archalena Coats, Principal reported they hope to have 700 students enrolled in mid-June. The school will have its first ever National Junior Society and National Honor Society next year. Ms. Coats was happy to report the school played their first ever tackle football game recently. The seniors went to the JW Marriott for their senior prom. Title 1 went well with a minor adjustment. Ms. Coats was excited to report six teachers were accepted to the writing institute at the University of Miami.

D. Information Items

1. Mr. Strader informed the board that any question regarding financial reports may be directed to Ms. Merced at any time. Each board member receives a comprehensive monthly financial report.

2. Mr. Strader said that final budgets for the 2016-2017 school year will be distributed soon.
3. Mr. Strader introduced the 2016-2017 school calendars and noted they follow the MDCPS calendar with the exception of early release times.
4. Mr. Strader discussed the National School Lunch Program. Every 5 years the school food authority (SFA) is required to post a bid. Ms. Merced and Ms. Cochran have been working hard to prepare a bid packet. The bid notice will go out publicly on Monday, May 31st with a bid opening on June 14th. Mr. Strader said they follow up by contacting schools once the bid recipient is determined. Mr. Strader said next year they will do A La Carte items.
5. Mr. Strader said at the request of the school board they need to change the language of the grant fees of the Charter Management Agreement for compliance. The wording needs to reflect the following: *All grants excluding Federal Charter School Program (CSP) grant funds obtained by the Charter School and managed by CSA shall be subject to a fee of 3% of the total grant revenues, if permissible under the grant guidelines. The management fee shall be billed monthly based on the Charter School's FEFP allocation.*
6. Mr. Strader discussed an update on Doral International Academy of Math and Science. Mr. Strader said the construction completion date is June 15 and he suggested planning a grand opening event in August. There are 950 projected students attending the school. Victoria Ramos, Principal, is currently interviewing faculty and staff.
7. Mr. Strader discussed the promissory note and resolution for Santa Fe Advantage Academy. Mr. Strader said schools that experience challenges with their budgets need to take action to avoid ending the year with a negative fund balance. The promissory note between Santa Fe Advantage Academy and Advantage Academy of Math and Science at Waterstone is \$175,000.00 with terms of repayment: 60 months at 6% with a commencement date of June 1, 2016.

Palm Glades Preparatory Academy is experiencing low enrollment. Mr. Strader said the projected deficit is \$220,000. Mr. Strader said the school will end the year with a deficit. Mr. Strader also said Charter School Associates will waive management fees for two years to assist Palm Glades (2014-2015, 2015-2016) financial situation.

E. Consent Agenda Items

The purchase orders and agreements were received by the board. Mr. Strader asked the board to approve all consent items as one vote. Shirlynn Webb motioned to approve all consent items. Bassema Iskandarani seconded the motion and Dalila Ruiz said all were in favor and the motion passed.

F. Items Scheduled for Action & Discussion

1. Mr. Strader asked the board to approve final Title 1 Budgets. Ms. Webb motioned to approve Ms. Iskandarani seconded and it was approved.
2. Approve Ms. Mary March as Principal for Summerville Advantage Academy (0072).
3. Approve Ms. Victoria Ramos as Principal for Doral International Academy of Math and Science.
4. Approve Teresita Nieves as Principal for Advantage Academy of Santa Fe (3025).
5. Approve 2016-2017 budgets:
 - a. Everglades Preparatory Academy
 - b. Everglades Preparatory Academy High School
 - c. Bell Creek Academy
 - d. Bell Creek Academy High School
 - e. Summerville Advantage Academy
 - f. Advantage Academy of Math and Science at Waterstone
 - g. Advantage Academy of Santa Fe
 - h. Doral International of Math and Science Academy
6. Approve FY 16 Budget Amendments:
 - a. Everglades Preparatory Academy
 - b. Everglades Preparatory Academy High School
 - c. Bell Creek Academy
 - d. Bell Creek Academy High School
 - e. Summerville Advantage Academy
 - f. Advantage Academy of Math and Science at Summerville
 - g. Advantage Academy of Santa Fe

Meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.