

Advantage Academy of Miami, Inc.
d/b/a
Advantage Academy of Math and Science at Waterstone
The Charter School at Waterstone
Doral International Math and Science Academy
Everglades Preparatory Academy
Everglades Preparatory Academy High School
Palm Glades Preparatory Academy
Palm Glades Preparatory Academy High School
Summerville Advantage Academy

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Location: Doral International Academy of Math and Science
May 30, 2019

Present at Meeting

Shirlynn Webb – AAM Chairman
Dalila Ruiz – Board Member
Helena Del Monte – Board Member
Bassema Iskandarani – Board Member
Victoria Gomez – Principal, Doral Int’l Math and Science Academy
Dr. Laura Ferreira Vesga – Principal, Palm Glades Preparatory Academy
Aimee Leyva – Principal, Everglades Preparatory Academy/High School
Archalena Coats – Principal, Summerville Advantage Academy
Aisha McQueen – Everglades Preparatory Academy
Cristina Socas – Everglades Preparatory Academy
Deanne Rodriguez – Administrative Assistant, Board Liaison
Regla Penaranda, Administrative Assistant, Board Liaison
Jeanette Reyes – Administrative Assistant, Board Liaison
Maggie Millian – Administrative Assistant, Board Liaison
Michael Strader – Charter School Associates
Brian Strader – Charter School Associates

Meeting called to order at 4:44 p.m. by Shirlynn Webb.

A. Opening Exercises

Shirlynn Webb, Board Member, asked the Board to review and approve the meeting minutes from the last governing board meeting. Helena Del Monte motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Dalila Ruiz seconded the motion to approve the April minutes. All were in favor. Motion passed.

B. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

C. Principal Reports –

Charter School at Waterstone - Regla Penaranda reported the 3rd grade ELA testing was a success. The students and staff recently celebrated teacher appreciation week. Upcoming events at the school include the Kindergarten graduation and Champions of Education with the City of Homestead.

Doral International Academy- Mrs. Gomez reported enrollment at 880. The 3rd grade ELA scores look great and they recently celebrated teacher appreciation week. The school took 17 field trips this year.

Everglades Preparatory Academy – Ms. Leyva reported testing went well and that prom was a hit. The students and staff recently celebrated teacher appreciation week and cheerleading won 2nd place in their division. The music program performed a successful concert last night and they are looking forward to graduation tomorrow night.

Palm Glades Preparatory Academy – Dr. Vesga reported enrollment at 738. The school is partnering with Flippany and Miami Dade County Parks and Recreation. The school had induction ceremonies for the National Honor Society and inducted more students than any previous year. Four students were recently signed for basketball scholarships. The graduation rate is up by 1%. Next year they will be instituting the Galileo program and have already received 40 applications.

Summerville Advantage Academy – Mrs. Archalena Coats reported the Invention Convention was a success and the 3rd grade students used the hallway to make a planetarium. Recent events include the father/daughter dance and the spring book fair. The school is adding robotics next year and “Girls Who Code”.

D. Information Items

1. Mr. Strader presented the monthly financial report for the preceding months to the board and reminded Board members that Mr. Fisher’s finance department at CSA prepares the financial reports that are sent to board members and any questions regarding monthly financial reports may be directed to Mr. Fisher or staff at any time.
2. Mr. Strader advised the board regarding the FY19 Audit Engagement letters. The auditor had been previously selected per the rules of the auditor general, however each year the agreement is in place the governing board is required to complete an engagement letter authorizing the auditor firm to complete the audit of each respective school for the current fiscal year.
3. Mr. Strader presented an agreement for corporate registered agent services to be provided by GY Corporate Services to the board.
4. Mr. Strader presented the board with a proposed 2019-2020 school year calendar which mirrors the calendar of the School District of Miami Dade County.
5. Mr. Strader presented the 2019-2020 School Budget for review. Board members were provided a copy of the budget with summative changes from the previous fiscal year. The Board is required to adopt a budget annually.

E. Consent Agenda Items

The following consent items were moved to the floor for consideration by the board.

1. Approval of Purchase Orders and Agreements
2. Approval of Personnel Items, Waivers Exhibit A, if any
3. Final Approval, FY19 Audit Engagement Letters
4. Approve GY Corporate Services Agreement
5. Approve FY20 School Calendars
6. Approve FY20 Budget Development
7. Approve 2018-2019 graduates as recommended by the Principals

Ms. Ruiz motioned to approve the consent agenda items and Ms. Iskandarani seconded the motion. All consent items approved unanimously.

F. Items Scheduled for Action & Discussion

- a. No items reported.

G. Board Member Reports

- a. No items reported.

Meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Approved and Accepted



Board Chair

6-14-19

Date