

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: Communications Media Technology (CMT)
May 21, 2020

Present at Meeting

Shirlynn Webb – AAM Chairman
Dalila Ruiz – Board Member
Bassema Iskandarani – Board Member
Victoria Gomez – Principal, Doral Int’l Math and Science Academy
Aida Marrero – Principal, Everglades Preparatory Academy/High School
Archalena Coats – Principal, Summerville Advantage Academy
Donna Baggs – Principal, The Charter School at Waterstone
Aishia McQueen – Principal, Palm Glades 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
Jill Balthazar – Charter School Associates
Ken Green – Charter School Associates
Jay Drag – Charter School Associates
Tiffani Richmond

Meeting called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Bassema Iskandarani.

A. Opening Exercises

After commencing the meeting, Bassema Iskandarani, asked if there were any changes or revisions to the prior meeting minutes (February 18). Ms. Iskandarani requested a motion to approve the Governing Board meeting minutes for February 6, 2020 as presented. Dalila Ruiz seconded the motion, and all were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

C. Principal Reports –

Charter School at Waterstone – Ms. Baggs reported enrollment at 1105. Ms. Baggs said virtual online learning is a success with key staff members in place. The school celebrates birthday via a parade each Friday.

Doral International Academy- Mrs. Gomez reported enrollment at 808. Ms. Gomez said online learning is going well. The kinder round up was completed before school closed for virtual learning and the Science book camp had a fun scavenger hunt activity.

Everglades Preparatory Academy – Ms. Marrero reported enrollment at 958. The 8th graders had a drive through graduation and seniors received a t-shirt and lawn sign.

Palm Glades Preparatory Academy – Ms. McQueen reported on the school activities including senior spotlight, 8th grade promotions and drive by for teachers.

Summerville Advantage Academy – Mrs. Archalena Coats reported the staff really came together to make virtual learning a success. Ms. Coats said the supply pick up time is approaching along with the 5th grade promotions.

D. Information Items

- E. Recognition of 10 Year Employees** – The governing board recognized the dedicated service of employees that have been with their respective schools for 10 years.
- a. Elisa Chiappo – Summerville Advantage Academy
 - b. Jennifer Lanuza – Advantage Academy of Math and Science at Waterstone
 - c. Lori Pagan – Charter School at Waterstone
 - d. Magdeline Leyva – Charter School at Waterstone
 - e. Annie Abella – Everglades Preparatory Academy
1. The Governing Board retained the Arnold Law Firm to advise the board regarding the Doral International Academy of Math and Science charter renewal. The charter renewal agreement was reviewed and submitted to the district for a 5-year term.
 2. The Governing Board retained the Arnold Law Firm to advise the Board regarding the Advantage Academy of Math and Science and Charter School at Waterstone merger. The charter renewal agreement was reviewed and submitted to the district for a 5-year term.
 3. Mr. Strader asked the board to recognize Principal McQueen and Principal Marrero student candidates for graduation.
 4. Mr. Strader discussed the Arnold Law Firm retainer agreement.
 5. Mr. Strader presented the monthly financial report for the preceding months to the board and reminded Board members that CSA’s finance department prepares the financial reports that are sent to board members and any questions regarding monthly financial reports may be directed to Jeannette Merced at any time. The financial reports will need to be ratified at each board meeting moving forward in order to stay in compliance with the district.
 6. Ms. Richmond discussed the possibility of the flexible learning option when school reopens. The school may expand the current program using the RISE model.
 7. Mr. Green discussed the framework to school reopening using RISE – Restarting Through Innovative, Sustainable Education.

8. Mr. Strader introduced amendments and changes to the Threat Assessment Policy and Mental Health Plan and asked approval of same to be included in consent items.
9. Mr. Strader discussed the Teacher Certification expirations extension approved by the State. The State is allowing extra time for the teachers listed to satisfy the requirements, Exhibit B.
10. Brian Strader discussed the annual process of auditor selection and the auditor engagement letter.
11. Mr. Strader presented information regarding the FY 21 Budgets.
 - 11a. Mr. Strader discussed the offer letter distributed to faculty. If legislation keeps the budget intact offer letters will be amended as necessary.
12. Mr. Strader presented the recommended 2020-2021 instructional materials to the board for approval.
13. Brian Strader discussed the technology device loaner agreement given to parents when they received a school issued laptop for virtual learning.
14. Brian Strader discussed the Paycheck Protection Program under the CARES Act. Application was made on behalf of Advantage Academy of Miami, Inc. The implementing resolutions are included in the board documents for approval.
15. Mr. Drag discussed the uniform extension and using the old logo uniform shirts until old inventory is depleted.
16. Out of field waivers were presented to the board as Exhibit A, if any.
17. Mr. Strader presented and explained the amendment to the UNISIG Grant for Palm Glades Preparatory.

F. Consent Agenda Items

Mrs. Webb asked the board to approve consent agenda items 1-17 including the addition of the UNISIG Grant amendment for PGA and changes/amendments to the Threat Assessment Policy and Mental Health Plan. Ms. Ruiz motioned to approve the consent agenda items and Ms. Iskandarani seconded the motion. All consent items approved unanimously.

G. Items Scheduled for Action & Discussion

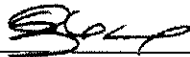
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H. Board Member Reports

None

Meeting adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

Approved and Accepted



Board Chair

10-10-2020

Date