

Advantage Academy of Miami, Inc.
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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 Math and Science Academy

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Location: Summerville Advantage Academy
February 8, 2018

Present at Meeting

Shirlynn Webb – Board Chair

Bassema Iskandarani – Board Member

Helena del Monte – Board Member

Victoria Gomez – Principal, Doral Int’l Math and Science Academy

Archalena Coats – Principal, Palm Glades Preparatory Academy/High School

Aimee Leyva – Principal, Everglades Preparatory Academy/High School

Teresita Nieves – Principal, Santa Fe Academy

Nancy Roque – Principal, Advantage Academy of Math and Science at Waterstone

Mary March – Principal, Summerville Academy

Deanne Rodriguez – Administrative Assistant, Board Liaison

Regla Penaranda – Administrative Assistant, Board Liaison

Nanette Hernandez – Administrative Assistant, Board Liaison

Annie Abella – Administrative Assistant, Board Liaison

Jeanette Reyes – Administrative Assistant, Board Liaison

Maggie Millian – Administrative Assistant, Board Liaison

Mike Strader – Charter School Associates

Jennifer McKenna – Charter School Associates

Ken Green – Charter School Associates

Meeting called to order at 4:25 p.m. by Shirlynn Webb.

A. Opening Exercises

Shirlynn Webb, Chairperson, 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, Inc. and The Charter School at Waterstone, Inc.) simultaneously. Bassema Iskandarani made the motion to approve the meeting minutes and run the two meetings simultaneously, Helena del Monte seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion passed.

B. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

C. Principal Reports

AAMS at CSW – Ms. Nancy Roque reported the combined enrollment of CSW and AAMS CSW at 1090 which might increase as they start accepting applications. Enrollment has been affected by recent military families leaving the area. There were many activities in November and December including 5th graders attending Everglades Preparatory Academy, a potluck dinner and a successful toy drive campaign. The school is celebrating the 100th day of school on February 12 and they are sending out invitations for the honor roll assembly.

Everglades- Ms. Aimee Leyva reported a combined EPA and EPA HS enrollment of 1037 students. The students are working hard practicing for their mock trial competition. The DBRs are taking place and they are introducing an incentive for an ice cream social. Members of the District's ESE audit were impressed with the middle and high schools. The soccer team made the playoffs and the school will have a cheerleading competition in March.

Santa Fe Academy- Mrs. Teresita Nieves reported enrollment at 196 students. The school's current focus is on recruitment and they are hosting family nights with various activities. Mrs. Nieves said career day was amazing and they celebrated Port Day with a static helicopter and the school made boarding passes for the students. In November they had a spaghetti dinner night which brought more people into the school. Upcoming activities include the actor's playhouse and the Frost Science Museum in March. Mrs. Nieves was happy to report the mid-year assessment went well.

Doral International Academy- Mrs. Gomez-Ramos reported enrollment at 862 students. Past events include the harvest dance and career day. The dominoes fundraiser and book fair was a success. They recently celebrated National School of Choice Week. The school's honor roll assemblies are in process. Their end of year show will be the lion king performance with the music teacher.

Palm Glades Prep- Ms. Archalena Coats reported a combined PGA and PGA HS enrollment at 750 students. The science fair was amazing with over 130 entries. They had their first ever football signing in Minnesota and Iowa. The FSA parent night was the largest attendance the school has ever experienced. Several teachers from the school attended the conferences at FETC. Career day was a success with Univision and the police department. The school participated in a Chipotle fundraiser and toy drive.

SAA- Mrs. March reported enrollment at 550 students. Every student was in attendance for FTE week minus one. The school recently purchased new technology including ebook carts and three new carts with Title 1 money. Mrs. March is getting the students excited about the online learning tool Moby Max that will motivate them. The school will hold FSA and SAT nights for parents.

D. Information Items

1. Mr. Strader told board members that financial reports will be on a monthly basis in addition to the reports included with the board back-up materials.
2. Mr. Strader will be working on budget developments and enrollment projections with the Principals soon.
3. There were no new compliance items to report on.
4. Mr. Strader introduced Mr. Ken Green as the School Improvement Coordinator working with several schools in the CSA network.

E. Consent Agenda Items

1. Mr. Strader said all of the purchase orders and agreements were executed on behalf of the school and sent electronically to the board.
2. Personnel items – Certification Waiver(s) Exhibit A.

Bassema Iskandarani motioned to approve all consent items. Helena del Monte seconded the motion and all were in favor and the motion passed.


F. Items Scheduled for Action & Discussion

1. No items reported.

G. Board Member Reports

- a. Ms. Del Monte wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day and the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 3.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.


Shaughna Webb
May 31, 2018