



GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
June 27, 2024 - 2:00 pm ET
MINUTES

Present: Stevie Johns, Board Chair; Lisa Fuhrmeister, Board Treasurer; Jennifer Parker, Board Secretary, Jessica Howell

Guests: Sandra Anthony, Thomas Sternberg, Ed DePersis, Megan Sandoval, Susie Siever, Melissa Stokke-Larson, Stephen Narcisse

I. Call to Order – Board Chair, Stevie Johns, commenced the meeting at 2:11 pm ET.

I. **Roll Call-** S. Johns confirmed a quorum.

II. **Routine Business-** S. Johns

- a. S. Johns made a motion to approve agenda with the caveat that the meeting link was incorrect; Both virtual meeting rooms were opened and any members of the public who were in attendance were directed accordingly. L. Fuhrmeister seconded; Unanimous vote for approval.
- b. S. Johns made a motion to approve minutes of the May 16 board meeting and L. Fuhrmeister seconded; Unanimous vote for approval.

III. **Information Items**

- a. State of the School Report – S. Anthony began with a review of the school’s mission and a brief statement on the wrap up of the 23-24 school year
 - i. Celebrations, reviewed by M. Stokke-Larson:
 1. 2nd Annual Art Show was led by Art Teacher, Ms. Thomas
 2. 1st Annual Yearbook was led by Art Teacher and Yearbook Editor, Ms. Thomas
 - ii. Academic Report, topics included the following notable items:
 1. FL Statewide Assessments
 - a. K-2 PM3 assessment showed most students are on or above grade level
 - b. In both Reading and Math there are increased rates of completion and performance
 - c. Significant ELL growth in the highlighted class
 2. Academic Priorities for 24-25 School Year:
 - a. Math Instruction and Growth
 - i. Comprehensive Evidence-Based Reading Plan
 - b. Future Ready Grades
 - i. Acceleration

- ii. End of Course
 - c. Parent-Student Handbook has been reviewed and updated:
 - i. Interactive table of contents
 - ii. Expansion to include grade 11
 - d. Increase student engagement with a focus on camera-ready
 - e. Focus on Student Success Plans, including attendance
 - iii. Staffing
 - 1. Teaching 96% staffed
 - a. Recruiting for 1 teacher and 1 support staff
 - 2. Administrative 100% Staffed
 - iv. Professional Development for all staff scheduled in Orlando August 5th – 6th
 - v. Mental Health Assistance Allocation Plan Opt In
 - vi. Governance: Authorizer Update
- b. Financial Updates provided by E. DePersis

Note: 2:49 pm Jennifer Parker exited / Lisa Fuhrmeister continued notes

- c. Enrollment Update – S. Siever shared updates:
 - i. Currently under 20% status Unknown or Undecided
 - ii. Messaging strategies are more deliberate to these status categories. More urgent in nature to ensure they act to re-enroll
 - iii. Those who do not indicate their choice by a certain date will be required to re-apply to ensure our systems can turn over to the next year
 - iv. Enrollment goal is 1200 this year
 - v. Very competitive landscape in Florida and parents are very savvy doing side/side comparisons with other programs
 - vi. New "ads" are very creative and well-received in Florida with the messaging theme of “Safe, Happy, Successful”
- d. Legal Update: T. Sternberg shared the need to have the amendment to the charter contract to ensure the correct office location is included in the agreement

IV. Action Items

- a) S. Johns made a motion to approve updated Student-Parent Handbook and L. Fuhrmeister seconded; Unanimous vote for approval
- b) J. Howell made a motion to adopt and implement the Comprehensive Evidence-Based Reading Plan (CERP) for 2024-2025 and S. Johns seconded; Unanimous vote for approval
- c) J. Howell made a motion to approve Mental Health Allocation Plan Opt-in and S. Johns seconded; Unanimous vote for approval
- d) J. Howell made a motion to approve Accel Payment Request and S. Johns seconded; Unanimous vote for approval
- e) S. Johns made a motion to approve Signature of Audit Engagement and J. Howell seconded; Unanimous vote for approval
- f) J. Howell made a motion to approve Elaine Ruiz, parent liaison and S. Johns seconded; Unanimous vote for approval

- g) S. Johns made a motion to approve First Amendment to The Charter Contract to reflect new office and principal location and J. Howell seconded; Unanimous vote for approval

V. Additional Comments from the Board

a. L. Fuhrmeister thanked the Admin team for the depth of detail provided in the academic review, shared the importance of the details and knowing the level of successes we are having with our students. She thanked the team for the continued hard work and dedication.

S. Johns agreed and also thanked the team for their continued dedication and is looking forward to continued successes in the upcoming school year.

b. T. Sternberg mentioned the charter school conference in Boston next week. S. Johns shared that she would speak with him offline regarding upcoming conference schedules and how to stay ahead of them.

c. Next board meeting date: July 18, 2024

VI. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

VII. Adjournment: S. Johns adjourned the meeting at 3:09 PM ET.