



GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

November 21, 2024 - 2:03 pm ET

MEETING MINUTES

Access Point: 111 E. Monument Avenue, Suite 605 Kissimmee, FL 34741

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

Absent: Dr. Jessica Howell

Guests: Sandra Anthony, Megan Sandoval, Ed DePersis, Steven Narcisse, Melissa Stokke-Larson, Wendy Ross, Elaine Ruiz, Ilinke Royce,

AGENDA

- I. **Call to Order** – S. Johns commenced the meeting at 2:02pm ET
- II. **Roll Call** – S. Johns confirmed a quorum. Dr. Jessica Howell was unable to attend today's meeting.
- III. **Routine Business**
 - a. L. Fuhmeister made a motion to approve the agenda and Jennifer Parker seconded; All voted in favor. Motion approved unanimously.
 - b. S. Johns made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2024 board meeting and second by L. Fuhmeister. All voted in favor. Motion approved unanimously.
- IV. **Information Items**

President Johns and the board discussed logistics around the upcoming board retreat. Dr Anthony shared the details of agenda and the Board is excited about meeting together for the first time.

State of Schools Report

Dr. Anthony shared information about the celebration of Parent Involvement Day and highlighted the work that Dr. Stokke-Larson is doing in the area of inclusivity and parent involvement.

Dr. Stokke-Larson introduced Ilinke Royse who presented the Board with information about the Author Study Series. Ms. Royse shared all the exciting information of the recent author study given by Kwame Alexander and Jason Reynolds. Students in grades 6-11 attended live and were able to ask questions. The feedback she received was awesome. Ms. Royse shared additional details about the upcoming series and lots of fun facts were shared by Melissa Stokke-Larson.

Dr. Stokke-Larson then shared the exciting recap of the field trip to the Florida Aquarium. The student body exceeded the testing participation goal of 95% with 97% for PM1 and that was their celebration event. Career exploration was infused into the virtual trip. Dr. Stokke-Larson shared that because we love sharks, if the students make 95% again for PM2 she will swim with sharks on Valentines Day!

The discussion segued as the Board was presented information about the new 5-week VPrep Clubs program, which infuses fun and even some more career exploration, too.

The last initiative that was shared was Hugs in a Basket for families in need for the Thanksgiving season.

Dr. Stokke-Larson then shared information about the upcoming Reflective Visit with Osceola district staff. This includes data reviews, classroom walkthroughs and progress monitoring. She also presented the Board with details from last year's visit which helped the school admin team prioritize focus areas. Dr. Anthony shared details about the data being used from i-Ready's Standards Mastery and how that will fit into the data driven instructional school-based strategies.

Dr. Anthony reviewed the compliance letter sent to the school on November 8, 2024 regarding testing participation in years 22-23 and 23-24, which has placed the school on notice as not receiving a school grade. Dr. Anthony then shared the PM 1 and the goal of PM2 and will follow up with district in writing.

Dr. Anthony reviewed the recent Possip results.

Ed DePersis presented the Financial Report for October and November. A high-level overview was provided for October 2024. He stated that enrollments/FTE have decreased, which has resulted in a funding decrease. Concurrently, expenses are also reduced. For November, Mr. DePersis reviewed current enrollments and the impact on revenues and expenses. A payment request in the amount of \$339, 613.50 will be before the board for action. Mr. DePersis reviewed the actuals vs. forecast/budget. There were no questions. Finally, Mr. DePersis reviewed the FY25 Projected Receipts and Disbursements.

There were no additional questions and President Johns, on behalf of the board, offered sentiments of gratitude.

Wendy Ross presented the Enrollment Report showing 743 strong 'sharks' on roll and reported out on the incoming new enrollees.

Suzie Siever presented on In-Year Marketing Efforts. She shared information on content marketing, social media, email marketing and efforts to improve volume. She discussed search engine optimization (SEO) and how the team is working on maximizing same. Efforts are underway to make additional connections statewide as well.

Dr. Anthony thanked Ilinke Roysse for representing her great work and that she represents the staff at large.

V. **Action Items**

Jennifer Parker made a motion to approve the October 2024 ACCEL Payment Request. Second by Stevie Johns. Motion passed unanimously.

Lisa Fuhmeister made a motion to approve the November 2024 ACCEL Payment Request. Second by Jennifer Parker. Motion passed unanimously.

Next board meeting date was announced as tentative.

Board Comments

Lisa Fuhmeister inquired about low enrollment numbers and was curious about the impact from withdrawals or low recruitment. Dr. Anthony responded that excessive absences and non-communicative issues are a driver which resulted in a higher number of admin withdrawals. Ms. Fuhmeister asked for additional data which will be provided at the next board meeting. Speaking from experience, Ms. Fuhmeister expressed her gratitude for all of the engagement activities at the school as she knows that this can be so challenging in the virtual space.

On behalf of the entire board, Stevie Johns wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

VI. There were no additional comments and the board adjourned at 2:49.