

Advantage Academy of Miami, Inc.
d/b/a
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 (f/k/a Advantage Academy of Math and Science at
Summerville)

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Location: Everglades Preparatory Academy
May 26, 2016

Present at Meeting

Bassema Iskandarani - Board Member
Shirlynn Webb – Board Member
Dalila Ruiz – Board Member
Victoria Ramos – Principal
Archalena Coats - Principal
Aimee Leyva – Principal
Teresita Nieves – Principal
Dr. Rebecca Valdes – Principal
Mary March – Vice Principal
Jeanette Reyes – Administrative Assistant
Maggie Millian – Administrative Assistant
Mike Strader – CSA
Jeannette Merced – CSA

Meeting called to order at 4:20p.m. by Shirlynn Webb.

A. Opening Exercises

Shirlynn Webb, Board Member, 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 and The Charter School at Waterstone) simultaneously. Dalila Ruiz made the motion to approve the meeting minutes and run the two meetings simultaneously, Bassema Iskandarani seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion passed. Mike Strader noted there were additions to the agenda including an additional Resolution and Promissory Note for discussion and approval.

B. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

C. Principal Reports

AAMS CSW/The Charter School at Waterstone – Dr. Rebecca Valdes, Principal reported current enrollment is 1,132 with an additional 19 new families. The school celebrated a successful joint carnival with Everglades Preparatory Academy recently. The 3rd graders celebrated with their block party and the Title 1 was a success. The honor roll assembly was phenomenal and parent involvement was high. Dr. Valdes also reported end of the year graduations are approaching. The school is currently collecting relief items for Ecuador.

Santa Fe Advantage Academy – Teresita Nieves, Principal, reported the students were very excited for their recent pep rally and talent show which included local musicians. They celebrated spirit week with 5 year themes and they are currently planning for graduation the last week of June.

Everglades Preparatory Academy – Aimee Leyva, Principal, reported registration is ongoing and they are currently at 990 students for 2016-2017. Ms. Leyva said the school recently celebrated with a successful carnival. At the college fair the students learned to fill out the FAFSA form and one student was chosen to get a paid internship. The theme for the art show was pop art and they had a band. End of year activities include graduation on June 7.

Summerville Advantage Academy/AAMS SAA – Victoria Ramos, Principal, was excited to report the SAT scores are better than last year and students are scoring above 70% in end of year exams in Math. The school celebrated a successful teacher appreciation week with food trucks, a car wash and trip to the spa. The 5th grade students recently visited Palm Glades Academy and the kindergartners went on a field trip to Jungle Island. Ms. Ramos was happy to report Title 1 review went well and they are looking forward to graduation.

Palm Glades Preparatory Academy – Archalena Coats, Principal, reported they hope to have 700 students enrolled by mid-June. The school will have its first ever National Junior Society and National Honor Society next year. Ms. Coats was happy to report the school played their first ever tackle football game recently. The seniors went to the JW Marriott for their senior prom. The school's Title 1 review

went well with a minor adjustment. Ms. Coats was excited that six teachers were accepted to the writing institute at the University of Miami.

D. Information Items

1. Mr. Strader informed the board that any questions regarding monthly financial reports may be directed to Ms. Merced at any time. Each board member receives a comprehensive monthly financial report.
2. Mr. Strader said budget development for the 2016-2017 budgets is underway and asked the board to approve draft budgets with final budgets to be distributed soon.
3. Mr. Strader introduced the 2016-2017 school calendars and noted they are identical to the county calendar with the exception of early release days.
4. Mr. Strader discussed the National School Lunch Program. Every 5 years they are required to post a bid. Ms. Merced and Ms. Cochran have been working hard to prepare a bid packet. The bid notice will be released publicly on Monday, May 31st with a bid opening on June 14th. Mr. Strader said next year a la carte items will be added to the menu.
5. Mr. Strader said at the request of the school board's charter office, CSA was asked to amend its language regarding grant fees for the Public Charter School Grant Program. The amended wording will reflect the following: *All grants excluding Federal Charter School Program (CSP) grant funds obtained by the Charter School and managed by CSA shall be subject to a fee of 3% of the total grant revenues if permissible under the grant guidelines. The management fee shall be billed monthly based on the Charter School's FEFP allocation.*
6. Mr. Strader reported on the progress on Doral International Academy of Math and Science. Mr. Strader said the construction completion date is June 15 and he is planning a grand opening event in August. There are 850 projected students attending the school. Victoria Ramos, Principal Designee, is currently interviewing faculty and staff.
7. Mr. Strader reported on the proposed promissory note and resolution between Advantage Academy of Math and Science at Waterstone and Santa Fe Advantage Academy. The promissory note between Santa Fe Advantage Academy and Advantage Academy of Math and Science at Waterstone is \$175,000.00 with terms of repayment over 60 months at 3% with a commencement date of June 1, 2016.

Palm Glades Preparatory Academy is experiencing low enrollment. Mr. Strader said the projected deficit is \$220,000. Mr. Strader reported that the school will end the year with a deficit and as a result the school will likely be asked by the district to develop a financial recovery plan. Mr. Strader also said Charter School Associates will waive management fees for two years to assist Palm Glades' financial issues.

E. Consent Agenda Items

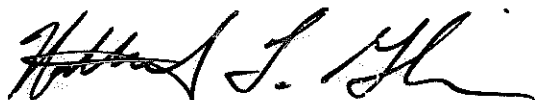
The purchase orders and agreements were received by the board. Mr. Strader asked the board to approve all consent items as one vote. Shirlynn Webb motioned to approve all consent items. Bassem Iskandarani seconded the motion and Dalila Ruiz said all were in favor and the motion passed.

1. Approval of Purchase Orders and Agreements since last meeting.
2. Approval of Personnel Items (Waivers) – N/A
3. Approval of 2016-2017 School Calendar
4. Authorize Governing Board Chair to Execute Amended Management Agreement(s) between Board and Management Company.

F. Items Scheduled for Action & Discussion

1. Board approved final (amended) Title 1 Budgets.
2. Board approved promissory note between AAMS CSW and AASF.
3. Board approved amended final FY 16 budgets.
4. Board approved preliminary FY 17 budgets.

Meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.



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