

Advantage Academy of Hillsborough, Inc.

Channelside Academy of Math and Science

Channelside Academy Middle School

Valrico Academy

Bell Creek Academy

Bell Creek Academy High School

Advantage Academy of Hillsborough

Advantage Academy of Hillsborough Middle School

Hillsborough Academy of Math and Science

Orange County Preparatory Academy

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2014

Orange County Preparatory Academy

10250 University Boulevard,

Orlando, Florida 32817

Present at Meeting

Patricia Rogers, Chairman

Tom Porter, Board Member

Charles Harris, Board Member

Mike Strader, Project Director

Nathaniel Grasch, Board Member, AAM

Lauren Herbert, Principal, VLA

Samantha Del Ponte, Principal, OCPA

Jennifer Geils, Vice President, PTSO

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Jill Mall, Parent, OCPA

Jeannette Merced, Finance Director, CSA

Meeting called to order at 5:15 PM by Mrs. Rogers

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mrs. Rogers asked if any person present wished to speak under Public Comment. There were no persons present that wished to speak. Mrs. Rogers asked the Board to review the meeting minutes from the last governing board meeting and approve or amend as needed. Mrs. Rogers requested Mr. Strader to add an item #14 for the "Information Items" on page two as Board request for legal counsel in case the application for the new Tampa school is denied. Mr. Porter motioned to approve the September 11th, 2014 governing board meeting minutes. Mrs. Rogers seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Principal Reports

OCPA - Mrs. Del Ponte introduced herself as the new Principal for OCPA. Del Ponte reported an enrollment of 344 with a target of 432. Ms. Del Ponte went over the activities that the school is having from her short tenure as a principal. The school had a successful Trunk or Treat Event, is planning for a Career Night, Boosterthon (raised so far \$11,000), Celebration of the Arts in December with an Art Gallery and performance from the OCPA students, and a Book Fair. The PTSO commenced their formation with the assistance of CSA.

Information Items

Mrs. Rogers asked Mr. Strader to present items under section C (information items).

1. Ms. Merced presented an FTE financial summary to the board comparing budgeted FTE vs. Actual (October Count) and explained to the board that a budget amendment will be forthcoming. Ms. Merced also presented a consolidated financial report showing balances for cash and fund balances for each school. Mr. Strader reminded the Board that the financial reports go out monthly to each board member.
2. Mr. Strader spoke about Phase 2 consideration for Orange County Preparatory Academy. Mr. Strader explained the expansion will accommodate student growth up to 900 students and will provide additional parking to avoid traffic congestion on University. The same day after the board meeting there is a public open meeting with Board County Commissioner representatives. The zoning board will make the final decision in January 2015.
3. Mr. Strader spoke about Phase 2 consideration for Valrico Academy. Mr. Strader has a floor plan. The construction will give the school an additional 53 parking spaces, 17,000 sq ft. expansion to move the school from a capacity of 650 students to 950 students. The Charter Agreement was approved for the 950 students so there is no need for a charter amendment. The target completion is expected to be by August 2015.
4. Sponsor's Application Review – Tampa Academy of Math and Science was advised that it might be recommended for denial by the Hillsborough County Committee. Mr. Strader stated that there is an item under actions items to request retention of legal counsel in case of appeal.

Consent Agenda items

1. Mr. Strader discussed the approval of purchase orders and agreements.
2. Approval of personnel items – certification waivers
Each board member received a certification waiver for each school listing the teacher’s intent to earn in a specific content area.
3. Compliance items – Approval of Elementary, Middle, High School and Faculty Handbooks

Mr. Porter motioned to approve the consent items. Mr. Harris seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Items Scheduled for Action and Discussion

1. Authorize Chairman to retain legal counsel for the new application for Tampa Academy of Math and Science using Mr. Daniel Woodring, Esq as general counsel.

Mr. Porter moved to approve items 1 as described. Mr. Harris seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:47 PM

Patricia Rozen
January 22, 2015