

Advantage Academy of Miami, Inc.
d/b/a
Advantage Academy of Math and Science at Waterstone
The Charter School at Waterstone
Everglades Preparatory Academy
Everglades Preparatory Academy High School
Palm Glades Preparatory Academy
Palm Glades Preparatory Academy High School
Summerville Advantage Academy
Doral International Math and Science Academy

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Location: Summerville Advantage Academy
April 4, 2019

Present at Meeting

Shirlynn Webb – AAM Chairman

Dalila Ruiz – Board Member

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

Dr. Laura Ferreira Vesga – Principal, Palm Glades Preparatory Academy

Darlene Escudero – Assistant Principal, Palm Glades Preparatory Academy

Aimee Leyva – Principal, Everglades Preparatory Academy/High School

Archalena Coats – Principal, Summerville Advantage Academy

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

Dr. Rebecca Valdes – Principal, The Charter School at Waterstone

Aisha McQueen – Everglades Preparatory Academy

Cristina Socas – Everglades Preparatory Academy

Deanne Rodriguez – Administrative Assistant, Board Liaison

Regla Penaranda, Administrative Assistant, Board Liaison

Jeanette Reyes – Administrative Assistant, Board Liaison

Maggie Millian – Administrative Assistant, Board Liaison

Tracy Rodriguez – Dean of Students/Liaison, Charter School at Waterstone

Michael Strader – Charter School Associates

Brian Strader – Charter School Associates

Meeting called to order at 4:43 p.m. by Shirlynn Webb.

A. Opening Exercises

Shirlynn Webb, Board Member, asked the Board to review and approve the meeting minutes from the last governing board meeting. Dalila Ruiz motioned approval of minutes. Shirlynn Webb seconded the motion to approve the November minutes. All were in favor. Motion passed.

B. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

C. Principal Reports –

Doral International Academy- Mrs. Gomez reported the FSA testing is ongoing and going well. She was excited to share that students participating in the Regional Science and Engineering Fair won 4 medals. One student was invited to the State competition and received a trip to Kennedy Space Center. The school designed an “escape room” to get students excited about science.

Everglades Preparatory Academy – Ms. Leyva reported on the success of the FSA testing that began this week. EPA students participated in a pep rally.

Palm Glades Preparatory Academy – Dr. Vesga reported PGA students participated in a successful writing assessment. PGA students received excellent scores on the Quarter 3 benchmark “Progress in learning”. Data results indicate PGA has a 20% growth in learning. Dr. Vesga was excited to announce there are 9 athletes signed to college teams and the school is creating positive community relations.

Summerville Advantage Academy – Mrs. Archalena Coats reported that everything went smoothly on the paper based testing. SAA students participated in Pennies for Patients fundraiser. The school needs a covered awning in front. The school received an education fund grant. SAA students are excited about their rising eagles field trip which includes students from Palm Glades.

Charter School at Waterstone - Dr. Valdes reported on the successful FSA testing at school. The students were recently recognized by the Waterstone community. Dr. Valdes said the PTSO is highly visible at the school and the spelling bee contest at the school was a success.

D. Information Items

1. Recognition of 10 Year Employees – The governing board recognized the dedicated service of employees that have been with their respective schools for 10 years.
 - a. Dr. Rebecca Valdes
 - b. Magalay La Roz
 - c. Eugenia Goodfellow
 - d. Kayssa Torres
 - e. Eric Ujaque
 - f. Yesenia Bonaventure
 - g. Francisco Moya
2. Each board member receives a comprehensive monthly financial report for their review and comment.
3. Advantage Academy of Miami Bank Signature Card – Item 3, Item 6, and Item 8 were combined. Board members were informed of the board chair’s action in executing the necessary banking documents to rollover low interest bearing CDs into a higher interest bearing deposit account.
4. The board is required to authorize the board chair to execute the FY 19 audit engagement letter(s) with the firm of King & Walker, PA for the purpose of completing the 2018-2019 audits. King and Walker, PA was previously selected through an RFP process to provide

- annual audit services to each respective school per F.S.S. and charter contract language.
5. Summerville Advantage Academy requested the board chair's signature on a budget amendment for Title 1.
 6. Combined with Item 1
 7. The board discussed plans for attending the upcoming National Charter School Conference in June.
 8. CD Rollover – Combined with Item 1.
 9. The RFP process for the National School Lunch Program by the School Food Service Director under The Charter School at Waterstone's School Food Authority was presented to the Board.
 10. FY19 budget amendments were distributed to and discussed by Board members. FY19 budget amendments were made to bring budget assumptions in-line with year to date actuals and to reflect board action on salary incentives.
 11. FY20 School calendars were distributed and discussed by the board. 2019-2020 AAM school calendars are similar to Miami Dade County Public Schools' calendars

E. Consent Agenda Items

The following consent items were moved to the floor for consideration by the board.

1. Approval of Purchase Orders and Agreements
2. Approval of Summerville Title 1 Budget Amendment
3. Final Approval, FY19 Audit Engagement Letters
4. Approval of 2018-2019 Teacher Waivers, (exhibit A)
5. Approve investment action, CSW
6. Ratify NSLP RFP (CSW-SFA)
7. Approve FY 19 budget amendments
8. Approve FY20 School Calendars

Ms. Ruiz motioned to approve the consent agenda items and Ms. Webb seconded the motion. All consent items approved unanimously.

F. Items Scheduled for Action & Discussion

- a. No items reported.

G. Board Member Reports

- a. No items reported.

Meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

Approved and Accepted


 Board Chair

4-17-19
 Date