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
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Summerville Advantage Academy
Santa Fe Advantage Academy
Doral International Math and Science Academy

**Revised Governing Board Meeting Minutes** 

Location: The Charter School at Waterstone December 1, 2016

# Present at Meeting

Bassema Iskandarani - Board Member

Shirlynn Webb – Board Member

Dalila Ruiz - Board Member

Victoria Ramos - Principal, Doral Int'l Math and Science Academy

Archalena Coats – Principal, Palm Glades Preparatory Academy/High School

Aimee Leyva - Principal, Everglades Preparatory Academy/High School

Teresita Nieves – Principal, Santa Fe Academy

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

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

Mary March – Principal, Summerville Academy

Jeanette Reyes - Administrative Assistant, Board Liaison

Maggie Millian – Administrative Assistant, Board Liaison

Mike Strader – CSA

Meeting called to order at 4:15 p.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

**Doral International Academy-** Mrs. Gomez-Ramos reported enrollment of 835 students. At this time 400 ESOL students are enrolled. Doral Academy collected can goods for Thanksgiving and in one classroom alone they collected 206 cans. At this time they are currently working with Scholastics making their sales on line. The mayor from Doral came and spoke to students. Students attended an Oprah Program at the art center.

**SAA-** Mrs. March has an enrollment of 548 students. NASCAR recognized SAA student Stephaine Cruz for her winning essay entry into the annual competition. FSA tutoring has started on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The school's enrollment is increasing. SAA sponsored a canned food drive for Thanksgiving and held an Epilepsy fund raiser. Many parents attended a successful Honor Roll program. Summerville is also happy to announce our new PTSO president Mrs. Christine Medeiros.

Santa Fe Academy- Mrs. Teresita Nieves reported 235 enrolled students. Trunk or Treat was a huge success and AASF students participated in a story book parade. The event was opened to the community and approximately 540 people attended. The story book parade was a great way to advertise and show the community what Santa Fe is really about. Tote bags were given to AASF employees for Thanksgiving. Students won Nascar tickets for participating in the essay contest. The AASF Father and daughter dance was a success. FSA tutoring has 15 students enrolled in each subject.

Palm Glades Prep- Enrollment at PGA is 712 students. PGA has visited three home owner associations where new homes are being constructed to advertise PGA for enrollment. A five course dinner was created by Mr. Roque and his culinary class; students dressed up in their suits and served 70 people who came to enjoy the event. The sports program is in full effect; Mr. D. Rock, a former all-star player has joined our PGA family. PGA defeated EPA by one point in basketball. PGA has a talent show scheduled for December 7, 2016.

**Everglades-** Ms. Aimee Leyva reported enrollment of 1,003 students. Multiple school activities including Red Ribbon Week, a turkey dinner giveaway and the annual home coming all went well. Art exhibits from EPA are now exhibited at the animal shelter in Doral. Everglades' Lead Science Teacher was

approved for 4 grants. Shark tagging fieldtrip was a success and EPA students were commended by the program staff for being the most well behaved. EPA is holding a toy drive to donate for families in need this Christmas season. PTSO will be fundraising throughout the year for bleachers.

#### 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.

## E. Consent Agenda Items

- 1. Approval of purchase orders and agreements
- 2. Approval of Personnel items Certification Waiver(s)

The purchase orders and agreements were received by the board. The Certification waiver request(s) were discussed by the respective school Principal and added to the meeting minutes through an exhibit.

Mr. Strader asked the board to approve all consent items as one vote. Shirlynn Webb motioned to approve all consent items. Bassema Iskandarani seconded the motion and Dalila Ruiz said all were in favor and the motion passed.

## F. Items Scheduled for Action & Discussion

Nathaniel Grasch submitted his resignation to the Board effective December 15, 2016 and Shirlynn Webb was named Board Chair. Bassema Iskandarani motioned to approve Mr. Grasch's resignation and accept Shirlynn Webb as Board Chair and Dalila Ruiz seconded the motion. All were in favor.

## **G.** Board Member Reports

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

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