

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: Doral International Academy of Math and Science
September 22, 2016

Present at Meeting

Bassema Iskandarani - Board Member

Shirlynn Webb – Board Member

Helena del Monte – Board Member, Vice Chairman

Victoria Ramos-Gomez – 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

Meeting called to order at 5:00p.m. by Shirlynn Webb.

A. Opening Exercises

Ms. Helena DelMonte, Board Member, asked if there were any changes or revisions to the prior meeting minutes. There being none, Ms. DelMonte 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. Shirlynn Webb 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.

B. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

C. Principal Reports

Santa Fe Advantage Academy – Teresita Nieves, Principal, reported an enrollment of 235. Ms. Nieves reported the school is starting a new traffic pattern for dismissal. She also stated that workers cleared the palm trees to increase visibility from the street. The school will hold an open house on September 20 and they made approximately \$4,000 at the book fair. The school is currently using STEM resources for an after school club.

Doral International Academy of Math and Science – Vicky Ramos-Gomez, Principal, reported an opening enrollment of 748. Ms. Ramos-Gomez was excited to report on the recent ribbon cutting ceremony at the school and on September 8 the City of Doral honored the school at an “I am Doral” event?? The school hosted a surprise breakfast on planning day. Ms. Ramos-Gomez reported open house will be by grade level each night. Parent volunteers are helping with the traffic and they are forming the PTSO. The school is starting after school activities including dance and karate.

Everglades Preparatory Academy – Aimee Leyva, Principal, reported enrollment is at 996 students with a projection of 1034. Ms. Leyva said the school is hosting exchange students from Italy this year and students are also raising money for the Susan Komen cancer research. Many EPA graduates that now attend FAU have been accepted in to FAU’s mock trial program which is the 4th most successful in the nation. Ms. Leyva also reported a local church developed a beautiful garden at the school. The school is adding dance classes this year and the football season is off to a great start this year.

AAMS CSW – Dr. Rebecca Valdes, Principal, reported a combined total enrollment of 1,133. Donna Baggs was named the new Assistant Principal for AAMS CSW and The Charter School at Waterstone. The school’s open house is this week and STEAM will be on Fridays this year. Progress reports will go home on September 23 and picture day is the 30th.

Summerville Advantage Academy – Mary March, Principal, reported enrollment is at 545. The school is establishing several after-school activities and 100 plus students are participating in homework help. The school is teaming with Palm Glades to promote the cooperation and connections between the two schools. The teachers are participating in STEAM and the students collected \$500 by participating in a fundraiser for pediatric cancer.

Palm Glades Preparatory Academy – Archalena Coats, Principal, reported enrollment is at 706 with a projection of 825. Ms. Coats is excited about the open house next week and this year’s meet and greet had the highest attendance ever. Ms. Coats reported the Eagle Dads are helping with dismissal and they have a presence on campus. Ms. Coats was happy to report on the first ever varsity baseball team and

home depot is helping to redesign the garden. The school is partnering with FCA and Huddletouch is providing pre-game meals.

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 distributed an example of compliance reports submitted throughout the year via the Sponsor's computer based compliance management system.
3. Mr. Strader referred to the FY 16 audit reports distributed to board members previously and highlighted that no school under Advantage Academy of Miami, Inc. was found to have an audit finding or other area of non-compliance.
4. Mr. Strader discussed the 2016-2017 budget proposals and asked board members to approve the budgets under Section F. He discussed the challenges faced by two schools and the need for Principals to closely monitor enrollment.
 - a. Mr. Strader identified the schools receiving Title 1 funds for 2016-2017 as:
 - i. Palm Glades Preparatory Academy
 - ii. Palm Glades Preparatory Academy High School
 - iii. Everglades Preparatory Academy
 - iv. Everglades Preparatory Academy High School
 - v. Advantage Academy of Math and Science at Waterstone
 - vi. Advantage Academy of Math and Science at Summerville (Doral)
 - vii. Summerville Advantage Academy
 - b. A Title 1 budget for each of the above named schools is part of the budget packet and included in the board member packet for approval.
5. A copy of the 2016-2017 student handbook, employee handbook, and parent handbook were included in each board member's board packet. The board is required to review and approve these handbooks at the start of each school year.
6. A copy of the 2016-2017 board meeting schedule was discussed as included in the board member packet.
7. A copy of the 2016-2017 board member roster and liaison list was discussed as included in the board meeting packet.
8. A copy of the 2016-2017 student calendar was discussed as included in the board member packet.
9. A copy of the 2016-2017 teacher waiver exhibit was discussed as included in the board member packet and is included for board member approval.

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. Helena DelMonte motioned to approve all consent items. Bassema Iskandarani seconded the motion and the motion passed for the following consent items.

Item

- E1. Approval of Purchase Orders and Agreements form last meeting to the date of this meeting
- E2. Approval of 2016-2017 Parent/Student Handbook
- E3. Approval of 2016-2017 Employee Handbook
- E4. Approve 2016-2017 Board Meeting Schedule
- E5. Approve 2016-2017 Board Roster and Board Liaison Designee(s)
- E6. Approval of 2016-2017 School Calendar
- E7. Approval of Personnel Items (Waivers) – Exhibit A
- E8. Approve compliance items – August, September, October

F. Items Scheduled for Action & Discussion

1. Following discussion, Ms. Iskandarani congratulated CSA and the schools for the successful FY 16 audits. Ms. Iskandarani motioned approval of the FY 16 audits. Ms. Webb seconded and the motion carried.
2. Following discussion regarding the 2016-2017 school operating budget(s) and the 2016-2017 Title 1 budgets for each impacted school, Ms. Shirlynn Webb motioned approval of the 2016-2017 FY 17 Operating and Title 1 Budgets as presented. Ms. Iskandarani seconded and the motion carried to approve the FY 17 Operating Budget and Title 1 Budget for the following schools:
 - a. Doral International Academy of Math and Science (AAMS SAA) (3026)
 - b. Everglades Preparatory Academy (5006)
 - c. Everglades Preparatory Academy High School (7060)
 - d. Palm Glades Preparatory Academy (3032)
 - e. Palm Glades Preparatory Academy High School (7032)
 - f. Advantage Academy Santa Fe (3025)
 - g. Summerville Advantage Academy (0072)

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

