

Advantage Academy of Broward, Inc.
d/b/a
West Broward Academy
Governing Board Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2019

Present at Meeting

Bassema Iskandarani - Board Chair
Nathaniel Grasch – Board Member
Andrew Winninger – Board Member
Derrick Hugue – Dean of Students
Michael Strader – Charter School Associates
Brian Strader – Charter School Associates
Brian Fisher – Charter School Associates
Jill Balthazar – Charter School Associates

Meeting called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Bassema Iskandarani

A. Opening Exercises

Mr. Strader noted an addition to the agenda regarding the recent district site visit. Bassema Iskandarani, Board Chair, asked if there were any changes or revisions to the prior meeting minutes (December 4, 2018). Mr. Winninger made a motion to approve the Governing Board meeting minutes for December 4, 2018 and to include the district report. Mr. Grasch seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion passed.

B. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

C. Principal Reports

Mr. Hugue reported on behalf of Ms. Baggs. Mr. Hugue said the school has 64% of enrolled students recommitting for next year and 113 new applications as of this date. The students are participating in a flapjack fundraiser next month at Applebees to support the school. Other activities include coffee with the principal twice a month and the father daughter dance. Mr. Hugue reported channel 10 news was at the school recognizing parents from the military. The Kindergarten VPK open house was a success. Mr. Hugue said testing turned out high results and there is a possibility the school could be a “B” school next year. There is also a Mom marketing committee helping to market the school in the community.

D. Information Items

1. Mr. Strader informed the Board that Mr. Fisher’s department prepares the financial reports that are sent to board members and any questions regarding monthly financial reports may be directed to Mr. Fisher at any time.
2. Mr. Fisher said the revisions of the budget include the October and February FTE surveys. Mr. Fisher takes an average of the two surveys and make changes and adjustments. He informed the board regarding several items such as an increase in expenses and year-to-date activities that can impact capital outlay.

3. Mr. Strader met with Ms. Baggs to discuss enrollment and new products for the school including more technology, new document cameras and a smart board.
4. Mr. Grascch said Ms. Baggs and Mr. Green did an excellent job on the district site visit recently. The district asked questions focusing on reading and ESOL.
5. Mr. Strader is optimistic that enrollment will increase. Mr. Hugue said they are passing out flyers in Margate at events and getting people aware of the school in the community.

E. Consent Agenda Items

Mr. Grascch motioned approval of all Consent Items, one through two. The motion was seconded by Mr. Winninger and the motion was approved.

1. Approval of Purchase Orders and Agreements (since September 2018)
2. Approve FY19 Budget Amendment

F. Items Scheduled for Action & Discussion – Mr. Strader reminded the board about the National Charter School Conference in June. This year there will be activities planned for the board members. There is also an event on March 7 hosted by Building Hope open to board members. Mike will send out more information to the board.

G. Board Member Reports – There were no board member reports.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Date Adopted: 5-28-2019

Approved: 