

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
Hillsborough Academy of Math and Science
Orange County Preparatory Academy
Sunlake Academy of Math and Science
Independence Academy Schools, Inc.

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2019

Sunlake Academy of Math and Science
18681 N. Dale Mabry Highway
Lutz, FL 33548

Present at Meeting

Patricia Rogers
Charles Harris
Jennifer Dean
Detria Elsner
Mike Strader
Keith Miller
Lauren Herbert

Chris Hammill
Marisa Martinez
Brittany Deen
Jack Burkett
Jeff Higgins
Summer Sewall, CAMS
Luci Morgan, VLAA
Lindsay Vanderbilt, BCH

Alyssa Kane, BCA

Brian Strader

Melissa Dailey, AAH

Melanie Pendleton, SAMS

Maura DeGracia, HAMS

Dr. Fahringer

Kayla Hoag, CAMS

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mrs. Rogers asked if any person present wished to speak under Public Comment.

With no Public Comments, Mrs. Rogers asked the Board to review the meeting minutes from the last governing board meeting (November 15, 2018) and approve or amend as needed. Mrs. Elsner commented that the previous minutes required correction to the attendance list. Mrs. Rogers instructed Brian Strader to make corrections to the minutes as noted by Mrs. Elsner. Mr. Harris motioned to approve the minutes with the proposed amendments. Ms. Elsner seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Principal Reports

Advantage Academy of Hillsborough – Mr. Miller reported on the success of the winter program. The Flag Football team won their first game. Mr. Miller shared upcoming events including the Strawberry Festival and Field Day.

Bell Creek Academy – Mr. Hammill reported on the many field trips including Galileo STEM Field Trip, the 6th grade Skeleton Museum Trip and the 8th grade Kennedy Space Center Trip. The 8th grade donated over 800 canned food items. Mr. Hammill announced the fall sports athletic awards banquet.

Channelside Academy of Math and Science/Middle School – Kayla Hoag filled in for Ms. Fuentes. Ms. Hoag discussed many of the school activities including Parent Night, Daddy/Daughter dance and Read Across America in March. Ms. Hoag reported the Children’s Gasparilla Parade was a success.

Valrico Academy – Ms. Herbert reported on the successful winter themed STEM Night combined with the Annual Winter Holiday Concert. The 5th graders participated in the manatee swim. Ms. Herbert discussed many activities from January including curriculum night and the Boosterthon.

Orange County Preparatory Academy – Mr. Higgins reported on the successful Parent Information Nights in December and January. The PTSO recently held a Skate Night in the community. Mr. Higgins said the school had a successful Toys for Tots collection and PTSO Book Fair recently.

Sunlake Academy of Math and Science – Ms. Martinez announced student leadership opportunities such as the Galileo Club and National Junior Honor Society. Ms. Martinez was excited to share that the boys

and girls basketball teams are going to the playoffs. The winter musical was a hit and was performed at the Bay Hope in December.

Hillsborough Academy of Math and Science –Ms. Deen reported on many activities including the 5th grade field trip to Crystal River, Daddy/Daughter dance and the upcoming Kindergarten round up on February 12.

Independence Academy – Mr. Burkett reported the past few months have been packed with academic success and family focused events. Events included School Science Fair, 100th day of school, Family Science Night and Curriculum Nights. Upcoming events include Daddy/Daughter dance and Artrageous Literacy Night in March.

Information Items

1. Mr. Strader reminded the Board that financial reports go out monthly. Any questions regarding financials may be directed to Ms. Jeannette Merced or to Mr. Brian Fisher.
2. Mr. Strader discussed the Form 990 for AAH Inc. The 990 was completed by the school’s auditor and submitted to the IRS.
3. The Bell Creek Academy Corrective Action Plan was approved by the Florida Department of Education as adopted by the governing board. Aspects of the CAP have been implemented already.
4. Mr. Strader updated the board on the charter contract renewal and consolidation of CAMS and CMS. The SDHC approved a ten year contract renewal and the consolidation of the two schools into a single charter. This will provide costs savings for the school.
5. Mr. Strader shared the approval of Riverview Academy of Math and Science by SDHC for an initial 5 year contract period.
6. Mr. Strader gave an update on the Bond Purchase for CAMS, IA and AAH. Board members will be participating in an upcoming BOCC meeting to express their support for the transaction.
7. Mr. Miller provided information on Title 1 for AAH. Since 2015, AAH has improved in several key areas of attendance and school year completion. This was a significant achievement for Mr. Miller and AAH.
8. Mr. Strader updated the board on the OCPA Site Visit, charter renewal. The visit went well and the Orange County School Board should vote on the renewal in March.
9. Mr. Strader promoted participation in the National Charter School Conference in Las Vegas scheduled for June. Mrs. Rogers expressed enthusiasm for the NCSC conference and espoused the value it brings to board members for additional training and learning opportunities to better serve the schools and community.
10. Mr. Strader presented updates on new school openings.
 - a. Riverview Academy of Math and Science
 - b. Big Bend Academy of Math and Science

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of purchase orders and agreements from November 15, 2018 to current.
2. Approval of Personnel Items Certification Waivers, Exhibit A.
3. Authorize Board Chair to execute the lease for Riverview Academy of Math and Science upon final negotiations and review by the board attorney.

Mr. Harris motioned to approve items 1 to 3 from consent agenda. Ms. Dean seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Reports

Ms. Dean commented that her child had a street hockey game at Independence and that the children and parents who attended Independence Academy were very polite, well-behaved and had good sportsmanship and that this reflected the leadership and atmosphere promoted at the school. Ms. Dean thanked Mr. Burkett for promoting a positive atmosphere at Independence.

Ms. Rogers commended the schools by echoing Ms. Dean’s sentiments of successful schools with positive atmospheres that are well regarded by members of the community.

Mr. Harris thanked the school leaders for their vigor in obtaining new enrollment. He commented there is more competition now than before and marketing is important to keep the schools fully enrolled and successful.

Items Scheduled for Action and Discussion

None

Meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

Approved and Accepted

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