

**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**

**Advantage Academy of Hillsborough Middle School**

**Hillsborough Academy of Math and Science**

**Independence Academy**

**Orange County Preparatory Academy**

**Sunlake Academy of Math and Science**

**Governing Board Meeting Minutes**

**February 7, 2018**

**Orange County Preparatory Academy**

**10250 University Boulevard**

**Orlando, Florida 32817**

**Present at Meeting**

Patricia Rogers

Jennifer Dean

Charles Harris

Detria Elsner

Mike Strader

Kerin Casey

Margaret Fahringer

Lauren Herbert

Melle Morgan

Keith Miller

Suzanne Elder

Jack Burkett

Brittany Deen

Melonee Ferguson

Meeting called to order at 1:51 PM by Mrs. Rogers

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mrs. Rogers asked if any person present wished to speak under Public Comment. There were no persons present that wished to speak. Mrs. Rogers asked the Board to review the meeting minutes from the last governing board meeting and to approve or amend as needed. Mr. Harris motioned to approve the December 2017 governing board meeting minutes. Mrs. Dean seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

There were no public comments.

**C. Principal Reports**

Independence Academy – Mr. Jack Burkett reported an enrollment of 897. The school reported on the successful transition of a principal at Independence Academy. The school has had a busy month of January with National School Choice week activities that involved students and teachers, a visit from author David Mark Lopez, implementation of the *Driveline* app for middle school, and 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School celebrations. The sports teams are continuing to strive. The volleyball team took 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the CFCAL Championship. Students are working on starting a school-based morning show; hopefully in the future it can be a live show for the school community. Independence Academy is looking forward to grade level field studies and ARTrageous Literary night coming up in February.

Advantage Academy of Hillsborough/Advantage Academy Middle School – Mr. Keith Miller reported an enrollment of 470. The principal shared that the district renewal was successful and the district renewal team was impressed with the instruction happening in the classroom. The school shared that they have 26 students attending the district STEM fair this month. The Engineering Club competed in the Future Cities competition and earned the *Most Efficient Transportation System* award. The school is preparing for the Strawberry Festival parade and collaborating with Independence Academy to have a booth at the

fair in March. Upcoming events include Writing Bootcamp for grade 4-8, local day care visits to Kindergarten classrooms, and math night through Mathnasium. Mr. Miller reported on the Title 1 Budget Amendments and asked the board to vote on the amendments under "Action and Discussion".

Hillsborough Academy of Math and Science – Ms. Brittany Deen reported an enrollment of 747. The school shared information about many successful events that happened at the school. These events include Boosterthon, National School Choice Week, and Father/Daughter Dance. Hillsborough Academy shared exciting news about two students. One 4<sup>th</sup> grade student was selected to have their artwork displayed at the Tampa Museum and a 7<sup>th</sup> grade student won 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the Math League Competition. The school is looking forward to Winterfest, drama club performance of "Charlotte's Web", Kindergarten Round-up, and curriculum night in the month of February.

Orange County Preparatory Academy – Mrs. Melonee Ferguson reported an enrollment of 449. The school shared highlights of what is happening at the school. These activities include National School Choice week, coding club, and the successes of the partnership with UCF STEM Ambassadors and robotics team, and Curriculum Expo Night. The school shared some areas of achievement for students. They have many students selected to attend the county Science Fair Expo. The school is looking forward to 5<sup>th</sup> grade field study to Blue Springs and a 4<sup>th</sup> grade field study to St. Augustine in the month of February.

Bell Creek Academy/ Bell Creek Academy High School – Dr. Margaret Fahringer reported an enrollment of 961. The principal shared some events that have been happening at school. These events include BCA Idol, Band student preparing for the Strawberry Festival parade, and having a student chosen for Gold Key award for their art and poetry work. The principal shared that 100% of the senior class is graduating this year. The school is looking forward to a visit from 5<sup>th</sup> grade Valrico students, Jr. Ring ceremony, and poetry night.

Channelside Academy/ Channelside Academy Middle School– Ms. Lauren Herbert reported, on behalf of Ms. Cristina Fuentes, an enrollment of 511. The school reported on many exciting events that have been happening. These events include the Lightning Street Hockey Tournament, Winter Holiday Concert, Gaspiralla themed Beef-o-Brady's spirit night, and a Wild about STEAM night. Teachers have also been participating in hands-on professional developing to prepare for the AdvancedEd visit in March. The school is looking forward to Kindergarten Round-Up, middle school students attending the USF Engineering Expo, Father/Daughter Dance, and the schools cheerleaders going to the Cheerleading Completion at Lennard High School in the month of February.

Valrico Academy – Mrs. Lauren Herbert reported an enrollment of 925. She shared the success of their winter program that was combined with a STEM Gallery night. In January, there were many events at the school. These events include a ribbon cutting to open their new play area from PTSO, 5<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Crystal River, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade trip to Clearwater Aquarium. The principal also shared that the school received Performance Recognition from Governor Scott. The school is looking forward to many events in the month of February. These include 5<sup>th</sup> graders visiting Bell Creek Academy, annual Father/Daughter Dance, Kindergarten Round-Up, and Valentine Shop opening to support the school's Relay for Life Team.

Sunlake Academy of Math and Science – Mrs. Suzanne Elder reported an enrollment of 646. The school shared the success of their first winter program. The principal reported on several school events. These events include Boosterthon, Pirates Parade, and Writing & Tea for middle school. Many exciting events are coming up at the school. These include Scholastic book fair, Kindergarten Round-up, Sweetheart Dance, and MOSI Astronomy Night. The school also shared that their cheerleading on participating in the local cheer completion, and the flag football and soccer teams won their first game.

**D. Information Items**

Mrs. Rogers asked Mr. Strader to present items under section C (Information Items).

1. Mr. Strader reminded the Board that the financial reports go out monthly. Any questions regarding financials may be directed to Ms. Jeannette Merced or to Mike Strader.
  - a. Mr. Strader stated that collectively schools are financially sound. There are unassigned funds for school that he would like to discuss how to use based on school needs. Mr. Strader will communicate with schools to determine the best use for these funds.
2. Mr. Strader shared that schools seem in good shape in regards to compliance issues.
  - a. Mr. Strader explained the use of the online charter management system in Hillsborough County.
3. Mr. Strader shared information with the Board regarding Charter Renewals, Consolidation, and terms.
  - a. Advantage Academy of Hillsborough/Middle School completed their renewal on Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. Hillsborough Academy of Math and Science completed their renewal on Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. Valrico Academy renewal is complete.
  - d. Bell Creek Academy/ High School renewal is complete.
4. Mr. Strader shared a Charter School Conference Update. The National Charter School Conference will be in Austin, Texas.
  - a. Schedules of conference have been provided
  - b. Reservations of those attending should be close to finalized
  - c. Charter School Associates will host a gathering for all board members, principals, and vendor during the conference.
5. Mr. Strader presented Mrs. Suzanne Elder with Sunlake Academy of Math and Science AdvancedEd Accreditation certificate.
6. Mr. Strader shared that Hillsborough Academy of Math and Science, Independence Academy Middle School, Bell Creek Academy/Bell Creek Academy High School, Valrico Academy, and Advantage Academy Middle School received recognition from Governor Rick Scott for either being an “A” school or going up in a letter grade.
7. Mr. Strader discussed the timeline to add another board member from Orange County Preparatory Academy. The Board decided a new member should be added by August or September of 2018.
8. Other Information Items:

- a. Mr. Strader asked the Board for approval to send a letter from the Board Chair to the Hillsborough County Superintendent to request a 15 year renewal of Hillsborough Academy of Math and Science, Valrico Academy, and Bell Creek Academy/ Bell Creek Academy High School,
  - b. Mr. Strader asked for Board approval of consolidation for Advantage Academy/Advantage Academy Middle School from two schools to one school and approval of a 5 year renewal for Advantage Academy of Hillsborough.
  - c. Mr. Strader shared that consolidation of Bell Creek Academy from two schools to one to be put on hold due to the two new applications for schools in south Hillsborough County area. There is possibility for a K-12 location.
  - d. Mr. Strader shared information about the AdvancedEd accreditation process. Schools have received training on what is to be expected. This process with parent survey this month. Next, will be faculty and student survey and site visits starting in March.
  - e. Mr. Strader shared with the board about active litigations at the schools. Mr. Strader expressed the importance of completing the accident reports appropriately at the school level and sending them to the CSA office.
  - f. Mr. Strader shared information about the lease for Sunlake Academy. Builder lawyer says that the escalate clause is to increase rent 2% each year. Current lease says it will decrease. Mr. Strader would like approval to move forward to keep the lease the same.
  - g. Mr. Strader shared interest to develop a Policy Manual. Mr. Strader requested for the board to review the template from the district.
  - h. Mr. Strader explained the need to revisit the schools' nursing services. This will require a conversation about school needs and determine what services will be required.
  - i. Mr. Strader shared images about the two site locations being reviewed in the south Hillsborough County.
  - j. Title 1 Report- AAH: Mr. Keith Miller shared that parents have been notified about a survey about how the school is assisting with their child's academic success. In the spring, the parents will be sent a copy of the Parent/Teacher contract to review and send back with any changes they suggest. If there are no changes, they will send out the finalized copy as a part of the acknowledgement. If there are changes, the changes will be made before the finalized copy is sent.
9. Title 1 – Mr. Strader distributed the revised Title 1 budget (location 6644 and 6645) to the board, asked for questions, and repeated MR. Miller's request to approve the revised Title 1 budget under Section F.

**E. Consent Agenda**

- 1. Approval of purchase orders and agreements
- 2. Approval of Personnel Items- Certification Waivers, Exhibit A.
  - a. BCA
  - b. AAH
  - c. IAS

- d. SAMS
- e. VLAA
- 3. Approval of Title 1 Report-AAH
- 4. Other:
  - a. Approval of Letter to Hillsborough County Superintendent from Chairman of the Board about 15 year renewals for BCA, VLAA, and HAMS
  - b. Approval of Lease Amendment for SAMS

Mrs. Dean motioned to approve consent agenda items. Mrs. Elsner seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**F. Items Scheduled for Action and Discussion**

- 1. Motion to approve revised Title 1 budget for location 6644 and 6645 made by Ms. Dean, seconded by Ms. Elsner and passed unanimously.
- 2. Approve Location 6644 and 6645 Title 1 Budget Amendment.

**G. Board Reports**

- a. Mrs. Dean shared the compliments she has heard about the schools. She congratulated the principals on the success of the schools.
- b. Dr. Fahringer shared the date of Bell Creek Academy High School graduation. The date is Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M. at the Tampa Theatre.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM