

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

December 7, 2017

Valrico Academy

13306 Boyette Road

Riverview, FL 33569

Present at Meeting

Patricia Rogers

Jennifer Dean

Charles Harris

Detria Elsner

Principal Reports

Valrico Academy – Mrs. Lauren Herbert reported an enrollment of 925. The school reported on several successful school events. STEAM night was a huge success. Each grade level invited families to participate in themed STEAM projects with their children. Mrs. Herbert also shared the exciting news about the new play structure that was almost done being installed. Valrico Academy is celebrating the upcoming holidays by learning about how different cultures celebrate this season.

Bell Creek Academy/Bell Creek Academy High School – Dr. Margaret Fahringer reported a combined enrollment of 974. Dr. Fahringer discussed the success of the BCA/HS Curriculum Expo. BCA/HS held the expo early this year to attract more students to BCA/HS for the 2018-2019 school year. BCA is participating in the Math League with sister school this month. The school band just received new band uniforms and will be marching in the Disney Parade this year.

Advantage Academy of Hillsborough/Advantage Academy Middle School – Mr. Keith Miller reported a combined enrollment of 466. The school highlighted the success of the growing sports program at AAH. The Career Day at AAH included many wonderful presenters that engaged the students in new career opportunities. This year there was a huge turnout for National Hispanic Heritage Night around 200 families joined in celebrating with AAH community.

Channelside Academy of Math and Science/Channelside Academy Middle School – Ms. Cristina Fuentes reported a combined enrollment of 517. The school shared that various events that happened in previous months at CAMS. These events include Career Day, Trunk or Treat, and the middle school dance. Also, Ms. Fuentes shared the efforts among the CAM community to support the growing sports program. The principal has started a new professional development program to support teacher growth.

Hillsborough Academy of Math and Science – Mrs. Brittany Deen reported an enrollment of 765. The principal shared the news of Hillsborough Academy officially receiving an “A” grade for the 2016-2017 school year. HAMS students and families have been participating in many exciting events at the school. These events include Career Day, Pumpkin Science Projects, and preparing for the Math League competition. The chess club took 1st place in the Tri-County Chess Tournament. In the New Year, students will have the opportunity to participate in a performance of Charlotte’s Web.

Orange County Preparatory Academy – Mr. Jack Burkett reported an enrollment of 438. The school had a very successful Career Day. Career Day presentations include K9 trainers and NASA employees. OCPA has a growing partnership with the University of Central Florida. In February, they will be working with the UCF Robotics team. Another great aspect of the partnership is OCPA will host a few OCPA education interns in the Spring of 2018.

Independence Academy– Mr. Shane Clark reported an enrollment of 904. This year’s Boosterthon fundraiser was a great success at Independence Academy. The school raised \$20,000 to put toward their schools goal. Some kindergarten students made it to the Science Olympics finals. Independence is looking forward to see how students make out in the district science fair this year.

6. Mr. Strader shared information about Performance Award Plans with the Board. Recipient schools include Valrico, BCA MS and HS, AAH MS, HAMS, and IAS. Plans were shared with the board.
7. Mr. Strader discussed information about Schools of Excellence to the Board. These schools include BCA and VLAA. A school of excellence scores in the 80th percentile of total points.
8. Title One Report- Mr. Strader asked Mr. Miller to report on Title One.
9. Mr. Strader discussed the A+ Money Plan. This information is the same as Information Item #6.
10. Mr. Strader shared the dates for the National Charter School Conference with the Board. This year's conference will be in Austin, Texas; June 17-20, 2018.
11. Other Information Items:
 - a. Transition to how store data and the network: Mr. Strader expressed interest in developing a panel to discuss which direction we would like to go: Office 365 or Google Education.
 - b. Boosterthon: Mr. Strader discussed his conversation with the Boosterthon Company regarding the % of funds being given to the schools. Mr. Strader will keep schools and Board updated with the decision made regarding the Boosterthon fundraising company.
 - c. Mr. Strader asked for board consent to align with the Florida Charter Alliance in defense of Senate Bill 1069.
 - d. Mr. Strader asked for Board approval of consolidation for AAH and BCA from two school sites to one school site. Approval for BCA temporary due to the requirements of a high school.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of purchase orders and agreements
2. Approval A+ Award Plan
3. Approval of Title 1 Report-AAH
4. Approval of tentative consolidation of BCA and AAH
5. Approval to join Florida Charter Alliance in defense of Senate Bill 1069.
6. Approval to submit up to two charter applications on 2/1/18.

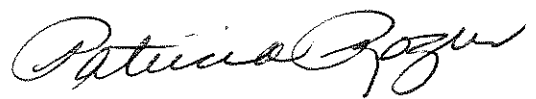
Items Scheduled for Action and Discussion

1. Other:

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

Board Member reports – Mrs. Rodgers shared with the Board that Mr. Shane Clark, Principal of Independence Academy, will be leaving us.

The meeting adjourned at 2:56 PM


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