

**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**

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**Hillsborough Academy of Math and Science**

**Orange County Preparatory Academy**

**Governing Board Meeting Minutes**

**March 31, 2016**

**Advantage Academy of Hillsborough**

**350 West Prosser Dr.**

**Plant City, FL**

**Present at Meeting**

Patricia Rogers

Charles Harris

Mike Strader

Tiffani Richmond

Dr. Margaret Fahringer

Cristina Fuentes

Lauren Herbert

Keith Miller

Suzanne Elder

Nicole Duslak

Anna Greenwood

Estelle Strader

Summer Seull

Meeting called to order at 1:25 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. Mrs. Rogers motioned to approve the January 27<sup>th</sup> governing board meeting minutes. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

**Principal Reports**

Mrs. Elder reported that CAMS 546 registered students to date and the goal is 560. Ms. Elder reported on the following CAMS activities: CAMS held a Movie night, new parent information nights, 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are on a *Bone Valley* camping trip, 8<sup>th</sup> grade Grad Night is coming up, parents are organizing a "sit down dinner" for 8<sup>th</sup> grade, a middle school dance is planned with the following theme, "Under the sea", CSA sponsored a corporate table at the Tampa Chamber's "Women of Influence event. Ms. Elder is a member of the chamber committee and has invited other Principals to attend, the school started a Galileo program that offers additional field study trips in math, DR. Seuss day was held for elementary students, the school is coordinating numerous stem projects, and students are planting baby squash and eggplant in their garden.

Mrs. Fuentes reported that HAMS is starting a robotics club. Ms. Fuentes described the following activities: HAMS held a STEM night, the middle school band and show choir held a performance, the school's NJHS sponsored an Italian Night, middle school spring dance, Girls Soccer Won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in their division, Brooker Creek recognized the school in the newspaper, going to advertise in the WOW magazine. Grad night coming up, Sock Hop fundraiser for music boosters, Spring math contest at BCA, Battle of the books for elementary and middle students next year.

Mrs. Herbert reported that Valrico Academy has a current enrollment of 741 and a wait list of 773. CSA sponsored a team in the upcoming golf tournament. PTSO sponsored a Daddy-Daughter dance and

Mother-son camping trip. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade MOSI trip, 1<sup>st</sup> grade aquarium, Relay for life, Read Across America, The students wrote their own stories based on Dr. Seuss books, TECO coming out for egg drop, Eighty 5<sup>th</sup> graders going to Bell Creek next year.

Mr. Miller reported that Advantage Academy of Hillsborough participated in the Strawberry Festival parade. AAH Students planted a garden with plants and vegetables. Five 8<sup>th</sup> graders accepted into Strawberry Crest High School's International Baccalaureate Program. Information nights taking place, talent show coming up, Invention Convention in May, planning for end of year events.

Dr. Fahringer reported that Bell Creek Academy added 3 new strategies for reading and math interventions. Junior ring ceremony in May. Senior spring events, athletic banquets, first football game May 20<sup>th</sup> and senior dance. Keys field trip, end of year awards, marketing the school, student incentives for Study Island. Cambridge exams coming up. Mock trials took place and BCA came in second place.

Ms. Duslak reported that OCPA's construction is going well. They received a two thousand dollar grant for their garden. FSA and SAT 10 testing going well. Conference nights coming up. Handing out spirit sticks for student incentives. 171 applications accepted. 68 already registered. Students doing project on building playgrounds. Showed a video on programmed robot that a student created.

**Information Items**

Mrs. Rogers asked Mr. Strader to present items under section D (information items).

1. Mr. Strader reminded the Board that the financial reports go out monthly. Received email from Patrick Hurn for budget amendments. Drafts will most likely be submitted before the next board meeting. Copies will be submitted to board.
2. Compliance Items – Board membership letter that was received had to be sent by Jenna. Jennifer Dean will join the board.
3. Sunlake Academy Charter Agreement. Mr. Strader spoke with civil engineer about construction, enrollment looks good about 500. Mrs. Rogers signed the charter agreement between AAH Inc. and the district for Sunlake Academy.

**Consent Agenda items**

1. Approval of purchase orders and agreements
2. Approval of personnel items – no action needed

Mr. Harris motioned to approve all purchase orders and agreements since the last meeting. Mrs. Rogers seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**Items Scheduled for Action and Discussion**

1. Nominate Jennifer Dean for Board member of AAH. Mr. Harris made motion to nominate Jennifer Dean. Mrs. Rogers seconded motion. Motion passed.
2. Merging boards with Independence Academy is an option.

3. Motion to pursue the possible merging of the 2 boards. Mr. Harris made the motion to investigate merging the two boards. Mrs. Rogers seconded the motion all in favor. Motion passed.

Board Member reports – no reports

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 PM

*Patricia Rogers*  
May 10, 2016