



Governing Board Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2021

1. Meeting was called to order at 3:19pm. Proper notice and a quorum were confirmed. All board members present.
2. Public comments:
 - Dr. Paul García presented several points regarding dual language education, teacher training authentic texts, assessments and evaluation and offered to help build the programs drawing on his extensive experience as a dual language leader in multiple programs throughout the country. Dr. García encouraged the attendance to the Feria Internacional del Libro in Guadalajara, Mexico, 11-27-21 to 12-5-21.
 - Mrs. Chaffee noted that community members have reached out wishing to volunteer and have donate materials and time to the school.
3. Old Business:
 - a) Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the board meeting minutes from 2/26/21. Deacon Humberto Alvia seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
4. New Business – Head of School Report:
 - a) Enrollment projections – We have reached 70% enrollment with applications being received daily.
 - b) Six in-person information sessions are planned for May 18, 19 & 20, in both English and in Spanish. Additional virtual and in-person information sessions are being planned for subsequent weeks. Office hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 8am – 12 noon at 1050 S. Tuttle Avenue, in the An Apple A Day Academy building. A big thank you to Christina Miller, Director of An Apple A Day, and their entire staff who have been angels disguised as terrestrials, and very supportive of our school. They have added a bilingual Montessori classroom to accommodate Dreamers families younger children!
 - c) 90% of positions have been filled with the most experienced and formidable educators from across the country. We received over 200 applications and interviewed about 50 teachers for our 18 teaching positions. Many are relocating from other states with extensive experience in dual language programs.
 - d) We are working with Building Hope who is providing oversight and counsel on our back office operations, including financial and human resources. We have found them to be exceedingly responsive, and have strong relationships with FLDOE leadership. They are also helping us manage the CSP grant and are also extending a bridge loan for CSP grant-funded expenses.
 - e) We completed a site tour of our school building on May 16th, which was very informative. We are working with the existing tenant and landlord to be ready to take occupancy July 1.



- f) Our school calendar has been completed. We are following the district calendar with the exception of two days, September 7 & 16, which are days off for students and added two extra days Monday, January 10th and Monday, March 21 as school days.

4. New Business – Head of School Report (Continued)

- g) Training – Board members need to complete a self-paced training provided by Kathleen W. Schoenberg, P.A. Dreamers teachers have four professional development sessions scheduled for June 12, July 13, July 15 and September 16.
 - h) Grants – FLDOE CSP grant should be approved shortly, and allow us to purchase FFE, technology, etc. The Sarasota Community Foundation awarded an Access & Equity for our After-School Literacy Enrichment program. Dr. Paul García donated funds for the purchase of authentic texts for our media center. Michael Saunders Foundation is reviewing a grant request for additional authentic texts as well. Local artist Enith Marin has asked to prepare art bags for our 1st and 2nd graders and The Patterson Foundation’s Grade-Level Reading initiative has offered Kindergarten Readiness Bags for our Kindergarten students.
 - i) Children’s World has been selected as our exclusive uniform vendor – Parents can shop at the store or online - <https://childrensworlduniform.com/cwusfl/product-category/school-uniforms/dreamers-academy/>
 - j) We would like to recognize our amazing volunteers who are eager to be part of the foundational work to launch Dreamers Academy.
6. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Deacon Humberto Alvia seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 3:56pm.