



Governing Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, September 29th, 2021 @ 2:00 pm  
Conference via Google Meets

Opening Session:

- a. Meeting was called to order at 2:01pm; There was a quorum as all board members were present. Proper notice was given.
  - b. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 30, 2021 board meeting. Mr. Weidner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
2. There were no public comments.
3. Reports:

**Head of School – Dr. Cathy Rodriguez**

- a. Staff & Student Enrollment Update: A new teacher was hired for an additional Kindergarten classroom. She has a Masters degree and extensive dual language experience, and has moved from North Carolina to join our instructional team. Our enrollment has reached 190, and we have capacity for 216 students. Applications for next school year start Friday October 1, 2021.
  - b. Visits to our School from the following people:
    - i. Mayor Hagen Brody, Monday, August 9th at 1:30pm
    - ii. Superintendent Dr. Brennan Asplen - Wednesday, August 18 at 1:30pm
    - iii. Deb Estes & Maggie Connell from ESOL and Dual Language Dept., & Mario Mendoza, from Migrant Department, School District of Manatee - Thursday, September 9th at 8:15am
  - c. After School Program
    - i. 40% of our students participate in Before and After School program
    - ii. Literacy Enrichment program - Unit 1 is Marine Life, Interactive virtual session with MOTE Aquarium. Students will be provided with two free tickets to visit the aquarium either on October 2 or October 9. Other family members are joining the students at discounted rates.
    - iii. Staffing - Supervisor (1), Teachers (4), and Assistants (4)
4. New business - Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve four policies/initiatives and Mr. Weidner seconded. The policies/initiatives are: Teacher Salary Increase Allocation (TSIA), Instructional Continuity Plan, PTO Policy and HOS Employment Agreement. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Board Discussions/Actions - Mr. Kennedy asked to be added to the Head of School's weekly newsletter - all board members were added; Dr. Rodriguez invited board members to come to school November 4 for a photo session.
6. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Weidner seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 2:20pm.

