



Governing Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, November 17th, 2021 @ 3:15pm  
Conference via Google Meets

1. Opening Session:
  - a. Meeting was called to order at 3:21pm; Quorum was confirmed with all board members present. Proper notice was given.
  - b. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of September 29th, 2021. Deacon Alvia seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Public Comments: No public comments.
3. Reports:
  - a. Head of School – Dr. Cathy Rodriguez
    - i. Parent Engagement event - First Annual Literacy Parade - on Friday, October 29. Event was made accessible to parents and we had 80% parent participation. It was a huge success. Our team had set up tables for check in, information on ESOL, free & reduced lunch, school pictures, etc.
    - ii. VIP Visitors - Chris Renouf, Sarasota County Schools Chief Academic Officer, Dr. Harriet Moore, Equity & Innovation Director from Sarasota School District; Maggie Connell, ESOL Specialist from Manatee School District; Sandra LaPlante, CEO of Papaya Tutor; University of Florida, University of Central Florida, and University of South Florida Professors.
    - iii. First Field Trip - Bishop Museum of Science and Nature - November 11, Veterans Day, our 2nd grade classes went to their first field trip. They were well behaved and learned a lot about planets and space in general.
    - iv. Building School Culture - Month of Kindness, Unity & Inclusion back in October and November is our month of Gratitude. Students work on these themes integrated throughout our daily lessons and activities. Parent engagement continues, as we also started phasing in volunteer opportunities this month.



- v. Student Open Enrollment & Information Sessions - Open enrollment started October 1st and it will go until January 23. If we have more applications than seats, a lottery will take place on campus on January 29. Information sessions have been scheduled for November, December and January. Virtual sessions are at 9am and in-person sessions with the tour start at 6pm.
  - vi. Staff Recruitment - We are receiving many applications for teaching positions and paraprofessionals. Interviews are scheduled for the next 3 months.
  - vii. January 5 – Staff PD in collaboration with Manatee dual language teachers.
  - viii. Friends & Family referral program; Early childhood center outreach.
4. New business
    - a. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve board members and founders’ lifetime use of dreamersacademy.org email. Ms. McClaugherty seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
  5. Board Discussions/Actions - None.
  6. Board Comments - Mr. Kennedy stated he was very pleased with the Book Character Literacy event, which he and Deacon Alvia attended.
  7. Mr. Weidner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Kennedy seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 3:48pm.