



Governing Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 10th, 2022 @ 10:30am
Conference via Google Meets

1. Opening Session

- Meeting was called to order at 10:33am. Quorum confirmed; all board members present. Proper notice was given.
- Mr. Weidner made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of the November 17th, 2021 board meeting. Ms. McLaugherty seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Public Comments – Braxton Padgett and Melissa Arnold, both with The Arnold Law firm,
legal counsel for Dreamers Academy joined the meeting.

3. Reports

- Head of School – Dr. Cathy Rodriguez reported that the open enrollment window for 2022-23 school year closes January 23, 2022. After that, students will be accepted on a first-come-first served basis and a waiting list will be developed when all spots per grade level are filled. Marketing campaign continues to reach new families with flyers, mailers and visits to community venues. Holiday Spirit Week activities are well received by students and families. COVID mitigation efforts continue, with our facilities manager doing an amazing job sanitizing and organizing during winter break. We are launching our Parent Teacher Council (PTC) this semester. We continue to collaborate with Manatee School District with professional development, and training on curriculum, assessment and progress monitoring. We are also working on our new Yearbook, new year school calendar, and standards-based report card. Interviews for teaching positions are ongoing – lots of qualified, certified candidates. Participating in The Patterson Foundations Remake Learning Days in April. Applying for a United Way Suncoast grant. Receiving Michael Saunders Foundation grant for our Teaching Garden. ESSER grants will fund student support services.

4. New business - Board vote



- Staff Employment - Business Manager Erica Rivera explained that she selected Ms. Catiana Rodriguez for the receptionist position. Ms. Rodriguez is Dr. Cathy Rodriguez's daughter, who is in college studying to become a teacher and has been working in our afternoon Literacy program. A board vote is needed to authorize this hire, who will report to Ms. Rivera. Ms. Kennedy made a motion to approve the hiring of Ms. Catiana Rodriguez. Mr. Weidner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- Certificate of Corporate Resolutions – Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the certificate of corporate resolution authorizing contracts related to the purchase and acquisition of property for future expansion. Legal counsel from the Arnold Law firm explained the documents and the process. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve. Deacon Alvia seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- Mr. Weidner made a motion to terminate the pre-development agreement with Highmark Development Corporation. Mr. Kennedy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- Mr. Kennedy made a motion to give Dr. Rodriguez authority to enter into agreements with voluntary prekindergarten provider for enrollment preference at Dreamers Academy per Florida statute 1002.33 (10) (d). Mr. Weidner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Board Discussions/Actions – None

6. Board Comments – None

7. Adjournment Meeting was adjourned at 10:56am.