



Governing Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 17th, 2022 @ 3:30pm
Conference Room and Virtual Option via Google Meets

1. Opening Session

- a. Meeting was called to order at 3:35pm. A quorum was confirmed and proper notice was given.
- b. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of approval of August 25th, 2022. Deacon Alvia seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Public Comments - None

3. Reports

a. Head of School – Dr. Cathy Rodriguez

i. Student open enrollment -

1. Applications for next school year are rolling in
2. FTE enrollment for current school year at 300; we are still enrolling students
3. Mailers were sent for our information sessions on Wednesdays in Nov, Dec, and we added January dates

ii. Staffing updates -

1. We had 100% retention of all teachers going into our 2nd year; we love them, and we are committed to supporting them with exceptional, responsive professional development. We want to keep them all next year as well.
2. Interviews and recruitment sessions are ongoing. Great candidates have been scheduled to move to the next phase of the interview process
3. New hires:
 - a. Administrative Assistant Andrés Bonett who will also serve as our Parent Home Liaison or as we call it our Family Outreach Liaison
 - b. Darelis Miranda - Paraprofessional
 - c. Karen Garzon - Custodian and Cafeteria Assistant



- iii. Parent-Teacher Council (PTC) executed a wonderful Dreamers Academy Fall Festival. Chocolates and Poinsettias pre-sales going on right now.
 - iv. Our school participated in the Hispanic Fall Festival on 17th Street in Sarasota, attended by over 10,000 people, on November 5 was a huge success and lots of fun - Nov. 5
 - v. Grants:
 - 1. Impact100 SRQ Biblioteca Tech Center \$110,500
 - 2. Community Foundation - Familia Connect \$8,000
 - 3. Florida Agriculture for the classroom's School Garden Grant \$500
 - vi. Annual Christmas Party - all staff and board members invited - December 16
 - vii. Saturday, March 11, 2023 - Night of Dreams Gala with Silent & Live auction, Live music and dancing
4. New business - Board vote
- a. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve our revised calendar 2022-23. Deacon Alvia seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve our Annual Audit completed by accounting firm Verdajas, deArmas & Trujillo, LLP. Deacon Alvia seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
 - c. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to give authority to Dr. Rodriguez to make decisions and implement any necessary new rules and policies to comply with Florida State Board updates. Deacon Alvia seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
 - d. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve Parent Home Liaison / Family Outreach Liaison (new hire Andrés Bonett) as per Florida statute 1002.33(7)(a)(19)(d) Florida statute 1002.33(7)(a)(19)(d) which requires that the governing board appoint 'a representative to facilitate parental involvement, provide access to information, assist parents and others with questions and concerns, and resolve disputes.' Deacon Alvia seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Board Discussions/Actions - None.
6. Board Comments - Mr. Kennedy commended Dr. Rodriguez on her exceptional job as head of school. Deacon Alvia also commended Dr. Rodriguez and all staff on participation at the Sarasota Hispanic Festival.
7. Adjournment



- a. Meeting was adjourned at 4:06pm. Mr. Dan Kennedy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Humberto Alvia seconded. Motion passed unanimously.