

Advantage Academy of Hillsborough, Inc.

Channelside Academy of Math and Science

Channelside Academy Middle School

Valrico Academy

Bell Creek Academy

Bell Creek Academy High School

Advantage Academy of Hillsborough

Advantage Academy of Hillsborough Middle School

Hillsborough Academy of Math and Science

Orange County Preparatory Academy

Tampa Academy of Math and Science

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2015

Bell Creek Academy

13221 Boyette Road

Riverview, FL 33569

Present at Meeting

Patricia Rogers, Chairman

Dr. David Cullen, Principal, HAMS

Tom Porter, Board Member

Keith Miller, Principal, AAH/AAH MS

Charles Harris, Board Member

Suzanne Elder, Principal, CAMS/CAMS MS

Mike Strader, Project Director

Dianne Ritchart, Board Liaison, AAH/AAH MS

Stacey Hanser, Board Liaison, HAMS

Emily O'Connor, Board Liaison, CAMS

Tiffani Richmond, Area Director

Lauren Herbert, Principal, VLAA

Meeting called to order at 2:35 PM by Mrs. Rogers

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mrs. Rogers asked if any person present wished to speak under Public Comment. There were no persons present that wished to speak. Mrs. Rogers asked the Board to review the meeting minutes from the last governing board meeting and approve or amend as needed. No changes were requested. Tom Porter motioned acceptance, Charles Harris seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.

Principal Reports

Mr. Miller presented information on AAH/AAH MS. Mr. Miller distributed a handout to summarize his report. Mr. Miller spoke about a number of activities at the school an FSA information night for parents and parent orientation meetings coming in February. Mr. Miller invited board members to the MS dance that will be held at the Trinkle Center.

Ms. Elder (CAMS/CAMS MS) spoke next and distributed a report to Board Members. She informed the board that CAMS had been selected by the Guy Harvey Ocean Foundation to be a partner school. Ms. Elder also informed the board that CAMS was participating in the Gasparilla parade.

Dr. Cullen spoke about past and future activities at HAMS. He distributed a comprehensive Newsletter to Board Members containing information about PTSO, each grade level and sports activities. Dr. Cullen distributed a Principal Report describing school activities including a "Prospective Parent" night in January and a STEM Fair in December. Dr. Cullen spoke about technology upgrades at HAMS and continuing improvements to technology.

Ms. Lauren Herbert spoke to Board Members about activities at Valrico Academy including PTSO activities and the school's very successful "Coastal Christmas" activity held outdoor in December. The school is experiencing significant demand with over 790 students on the wait list. Ms. Herbert distributed a Newsletter to Board Members summarizing activities and events at VLAA.

Information Items

Mrs. Rogers asked Mr. Strader to present items under section C (information items).

1. Mr. Strader asked board members if there were questions regarding the monthly financial statements distributed to board members and included again in the back-up documentation for the board meeting. Mr. Strader then distributed a summary statement describing the first amendment to school budgets for the 2014-2015 school year. The budget amendments included adjustments to revenue based on actual student enrollment from the October 2014 FTE survey. Adjustments to expenses were also described based on new projections and y-t-d actuals.
2. Mr. Strader then spoke about the approval by Orange County Board of County Commissioners for an expansion of 500 students at OCPA to take the enrollment from the current 450 maximum to 950 students. Mr. Strader informed the Board that he is working with the Developer/Landlord and architect to develop plans for the Phase 2 expansion.

- 3. Mr. Strader spoke about Phase 2 consideration for Valrico Academy. The Landlord/Developer changed architects and all parties are working together to complete program design to facilitate the start of construction as soon as possible.
- 4. Sponsor's Application Review – Mr. Strader reported that the School Board of Hillsborough County approved the charter application for Tampa Academy of Math and Science at its December meeting.
- 5. Mr. Strader presented the Federal Single Audit (FY 2014) for Advantage Academy of Hillsborough, Inc. and explained the requirements for completing a Federal single audit.

Consent Agenda items

- 1. Mr. Strader discussed the approval of purchase orders and agreements and asked for Board approval. Mr. Porter made
- 2. Approval of personnel items – certification waivers
Each board member received a certification waiver for each school listing the teacher's intent to earn in a specific content area.
- 3. Compliance items – Approval of Elementary, Middle, High School and Faculty Handbooks
- 4. Receive and approve Federal Single Audit Report for FY 2014.

Tom Porter motioned acceptance, Charles Harris seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.

Items Scheduled for Action and Discussion

- 1. Authorize Board's Project Director, Mike Strader, to negotiate changes (if any) to first time charter agreement between Advantage Academy of Hillsborough, Inc. and the School Board of Hillsborough County, Florida. Authorize Mr. Strader to discuss the standard charter agreement with Mr. Daniel Woodring. Tom Porter motioned acceptance followed by a second from Charles Harris. All were in favor and motion passed.
- 2. Authorize Chairman to execute on behalf of the Board a final charter agreement between Advantage Academy of Hillsborough, Inc. and the School Board of Hillsborough County, Florida. Tom Porter motioned acceptance followed by a second from Charles Harris. All were in favor and motion passed.
- 3. Approved budget amendments as provided during information session and described in the handout to Board Members. MR. Strader advised Board Members that a subsequent amendment would be forthcoming following the February 2015 survey. Tom Porter motioned acceptance followed by a second from Charles Harris. All were in favor and motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 PM

Patricia Rogers
May 7 2015