

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

Sunlake Academy of Math and Science

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2016

Valrico Academy

13306 Boyette Road

Riverview, FL 33569

Present at Meeting

Patricia Rogers

Charles Harris

Jennifer Dean

Mike Strader

Tiffani Richmond

Dr. Margaret Fahringer

Cristina Fuentes

Lauren Herbert

Keith Miller

Suzanne Elder

Nicole Duslak

Anna Greenwood

Estelle Strader

Summer Sewall

Meeting called to order at 1:15 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 to approve or amend as needed. Mr. Harris motioned to approve the March 31st governing board meeting minutes. Ms. Dean seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

There were no public comments.

Ms. Rogers introduced Ms. Jennifer Dean as the newest member of the Advantage Academy of Hillsborough, Inc. board. Ms. Dean addressed the attendees and informed that her two children attend Valrico Academy with one graduating with plans to attend Bell Creek Academy for the 2016-2017 school year. Ms. Rogers welcomed Ms. Dean to the Board.

Principal Reports

Valrico Academy – Ms. Lauren Herbert reported an enrollment of 741. The students participated in Relay for Life and Boosterthon. The 4th grade students will be participating in the Elementary battle of the Books. End of year activities will include Kindergarten graduation and 5th grade moving up BBQ and ceremony.

Bell Creek Academy/Bell Creek Academy High School – Dr. Margaret Fahringer reported an enrollment of 841. BCA band came in first place and the chorus in second place at Disney. The first BCA football game will be on May 20th. The high school students went on two college tours. The first BCA junior ring ceremony will be held on May 17th.

Advantage Academy of Hillsborough/Advantage Academy Middle School – Mr. Keith Miller reported an enrollment of 435. AAH raised 3,500 dollars for Relay for Life. 22 students were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society. End of year activities include Invention Convention, Kindergarten graduation, 5th grade moving up ceremony and an 8th grade banquet and awards ceremony.

Title 1: Mr. Miller also reported on Title 1 items. Mr. Miller reported the results of a parent survey as follows – Parents were asked the following questions:

1. Are parent meetings held at a time that is convenient to you?
42 yes 1 no
2. Are meetings conducted in a language you understand?
43 yes. 1 no
3. Do you have transportation to school meetings?
42 yes. 2 no
4. When needed, do you have access to child care so you can attend meetings at school?
38 yes. 6 no
5. Do you receive information about meetings or events at school?
42 yes. 1 no
6. Do you have Internet access at home or work?
40 yes. 4 no
7. Do you have a disability that limits you from participating in school meetings or events?
0 Yes. 43 no
8. Parent prefers receiving their communication in the following manner
20 telephone
20 notes from school/staff
15 email

All comments were positive with the exception of one parent who needs a translator at her conferences. This survey was conducted in English and Spanish

Channelside Academy of Math and Science/Channelside Academy Middle School – Ms. Suzanne Elder reported an enrollment of 562. The 7th grade students were on a field trip to the Keys. The Lightning came to CAMS and gave each child a hockey stick and goals for the school. End of year activities include Invention Convention, Kindergarten graduation, 5th grade moving up ceremony and an 8th grade banquet and awards ceremony.

Hillsborough Academy of Math and Science – Ms. Cristina Fuentes reported an enrollment of 740. HAMS held National Junior Honor Society inductions. The students are participating in the Math Competition held at BCA. The middle school students participated in the Battle of the Books. End of year activities include Invention Convention, Kindergarten graduation, 5th grade moving up ceremony and an 8th grade banquet and awards ceremony.

Orange County Preparatory Academy – Ms. Nicole Duslak reported an enrollment of 407. OCPA is growing their sports program with boys and girls basketball. End of year activities include a Talent show, Field day, Spring music shows, Invention Convention, Kindergarten graduation, 5th grade moving up ceremony and an 8th grade banquet and awards ceremony.

Information Items

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

1. Mr. Strader reminded the Board that the financial reports go out monthly. Any questions regarding financials may be directed to Ms. Jeannette Merced or to Mike Strader.
2. Mr. Strader indicated that some compliance requirements may come due between board meetings and in those cases the Board Chair is authorized to approve or sign on behalf of the board with the item being brought to the board at the next regularly scheduled meeting. The most recent example are the FY 16 Audit Engagement letters for each AAH school. The letters were signed by Ms. Rogers on behalf of the board and included in the consent agenda on the May 10 meeting.
3. Mr. Strader discussed the latest Sunlake Academy of Math and Science lease negotiations with the board and the status of the construction. The Developer, Charter School Properties, Inc. has agreed to continue construction with an estimated completion of the exterior shell no later than December 2016.
4. Mr. Strader introduced budget amendments for each school. Bell Creek Academy/Bell Creek Academy high School required the most work to address a y-t-d budget shortfall caused primarily by enrollment that was less than forecast. The board and CSA agreed early in the year to not cut staff or teaching positions to ensure program continuity. CSA agreed to waive its fee from January 2016 to June 2016. The landlord has also agreed to make a loan to Bell Creek Academy in the amount of \$100,000 with repayment terms similar to that of the loan with Building Hope that will be paid out in September 2017. The terms are six percent interest, thirteen month payment period with payments commencing October 1, 2017 for an approximate \$8,100.00 per month loan payment.
5. Mr. Strader and Ms. Duslak reported on construction of Phase 2 at OCPA.
6. Mr. Strader introduced changes approved by the Florida Dept. of Education to the Charter School Capital Outlay program for FY 2017. Mr. Strader asked the board to grant authorization to the board chair and to Mike Strader to submit a capital outlay plan on behalf of each school for FY 2017 via the consent agenda.
7. Mr. Strader introduced the 2016-2017 student calendar. The AAH calendar is identical to the SDHC calendar with the exception of early release dates.
8. Mr. Strader announced the schools that will receive supplemental funding as a result of earning performance award monies from the state. The schools are: Bell Creek Academy; Bell Creek Academy High School; Hillsborough Academy of Math and Science; Valrico Academy.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of purchase orders and agreements
2. Approval of personnel items – no action needed
3. Approval of FY 16 Audit Engagement Letters, all schools
4. Approval of FY 16 Budget Amendments
 - a. Bell Creek Academy
 - b. Bell Creek Academy High School
 - c. Advantage Academy of Hillsborough
 - d. Advantage Academy Middle School
 - e. Channelside Academy of Math and Science
 - f. Channelside Academy Middle School
 - g. Hillsborough Academy of Math and Science
 - h. Valrico Academy
 - i. Orange County Preparatory Academy
5. Authorize Chairman to enter loan agreement with MG3 Valrico, LLC for promissory note in the amount of \$100,000 for cash flow assistance at Bell Creek Academy.
6. Approve 2016-2017 Student Calendar
 - a. OCPA calendar matches OCPS calendar with exception of early release dates.
7. Authorize P. Rogers and M. Strader to prepare and submit FY 17 capital outlay plan(s)

Mr. Harris motioned to approve the consent agenda items. Ms. Dean seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Items Scheduled for Action and Discussion

Board Member reports – no reports

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM

Patricia Rogers
September 8, 2016