

Advantage Academy of Pinellas, Inc.  
Governing Board Meeting Minutes  
November 9, 2016  
Location-Pinellas Academy of Math and Science  
1775 S. Highland Avenue  
Media Center

**Present at Meeting**

Patricia Rogers, Chairman  
Jeff Undestad, Board Member  
Craig Dolan, Board Member  
Linda Schwerer, Principal  
Tara Glackin, Assistant Principal  
Mike Ash, Board Liaison  
Mary Steele, PTSO President  
Mike Strader, Charter School Associates, Inc.

**Opening Exercises**

Meeting called to order at 5:08 pm by Ms. Rogers.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, meeting minutes from September 7, 2016 were discussed and approved. Mr. Dolan motioned to approve the minutes and Mr. Undestad seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was passed.

**Public Comment**

Ms. Rogers asked if any person present would like to speak under the Public Comments section of the agenda. No members of the public requested to speak.

**Principal's Report**

Ms. Schwerer talked about Tim Murphy and his 1<sup>st</sup> place finish in Academic City Awards. Ms. Schwerer informed the board that the boys' soccer team had been awarded a character award by the league for most "Christian-like Character". She also told the board about a grant received by first year music teacher Ms. Thorsen. The school used the grant award to purchase 24 guitars and various percussion instruments. Ms. Schwerer spoke about open houses planned for 10/19 and 10/20, a field day on 10/17 and Booster Thon fund raiser on 11/01. She spoke about the enthusiasm surrounding the Family Engineering Night and the significant participation of middle school parents. Students have used the 3-d printer to make items and the school held a mock election.

Ms. Schwerer sent three teachers to a gifted education conference to further professional development opportunities and she held a one-day STEM workshop.

Ms. Steele reported on PTSO activities including the success of the recent Trunk-or-Treat event that raised approximately \$6,000. The PTSO is ordering staff shirts and made approximately

\$7,000 with the "Charleston Wrap" fundraiser. The PTSO is holding a family movie night on November 12.

### **Information Items**

Mr. Strader discussed the monthly financial report and reminded board members that any financial question may be directed to Ms. Jeannette Merced. Board Members receive a copy of the school's financial report monthly.

Mr. Strader spoke about the FY 17 budget.

There was discussion about the Board's possible involvement in submitting a new charter application to open a second STEM program in the site of a former charter school. The board deferred the item to the Action Items.

There was discussion regarding the Phase 3 expansion of Pinellas Academy including a review of the site plan and the plans to bring-in two portable classroom buildings to accommodate the classrooms lost to the demolition of building 400. Next steps included a community meeting to be held at PAMS and a Planning and Zoning Board meeting to be held at Largo City Hall. The Board authorized Mr. Strader and the Chair to begin lease negotiations for Phase 3 with the Landlord/Developer. Mr. Strader distributed a copy of the proposed site plan and building (floor) plan.

### **Consent Agenda Items**

Mr. Strader reviewed the consent items. Mr. Dolan made a motion to approve the consent items including certification waivers (Exhibit A) and Ms. Rogers seconded. The item passed.

### **Items Scheduled for Discussion and Action**

1. Mr. Strader asked the Board if they wished to make a motion approving all actions necessary to submit a new charter application to the School Board of Pinellas County, Florida for the purpose of repeating the PAMS program in a new location. Mr. Undestad made the motion, it was seconded by Mr. Dolan and the motion passed.

### **Board Member Reports**

Mr. Undestad mentioned the possible availability of the former Everest University site as a possible site for a charter high school. Mr. Dolan invited PAMS students to visit the City of Tarpon Springs new reverse osmosis water treatment plant. Ms. Rogers thanked everyone and specifically the school's administration, faculty and staff for their hard work and many successes.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

*Patricia Rogers*  
December 1, 2016