

Advantage Academy of Pinellas, Inc.
Governing Board Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2018
Location-Pinellas Academy of Math and Science
1775 S. Highland Avenue
Media Center

Present at Meeting

Patricia Rogers, Board Chair
Jeff Undestad, Board Member
Craig Dolan, Board Member
Linda Schwerer, Principal
Dr. Sherry Hatch
Mike Ash
Emily Bodine
Mike Strader
Mike Ash, Board Liaison
Mary Steele

Opening Exercises

Meeting called to order at 5:15 pm by Jeff Undestad (Ms. Rogers arrived later)

Mr. Undestad assumed role as temporary meeting chair and determined a quorum existed. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, meeting minutes from December 7, 2017 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

Mr. Undestad 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

Mrs. Linda Schwerer stated her enrollment was 665 with over 450 recommits and 284 new applicants.

Ms. Schwerer introduced Dr. Cherry Hatch as a new member of the administrative team.

Ms. Schwerer distributed a copy of her "Captain's Report" and proceeded to describe many exciting and captivating activities at PAMS including, Discovery Nights; FSA Parent Information Night; Parent Conference Week; Honor Roll Assemblies; Winter Program; Daddy Daughter Dance; Future Cities (PAMS took 1st Place in the Technical Essay category); Science Olympiad (PAMS took 3rd Place in Anatomy & Physiology Category); USF Engineering Expo for PAMS' Gifted classes; Stepping up into STEAM night; FUN Run (March); AdvancEd accreditation renewal visit (March 7); and Robo Fest scheduled the end of March.

Ms. Schwerer reported that a former PAMS student was the Valedictorian at LARGO HS IB Program.

Ms. Schwerer also described a very popular activity where students “moved-up” to meet their teacher, etc. for the 2018-2019 school year.

Information Items

Mr. Strader discussed the following items.

- Monthly Financial Report – Mr. Michael Strader, President of Charter School Associates provided an overview of the monthly financial report and informed the Board of the details that are included in their board packet.
- Charter Application Update – Mr. Strader distributed a copy (printed) of the St. Petersburg Academy of Math and Science charter application as revised and submitted to the School Board of Pinellas County on February 1. Mr. Strader indicated that Mr. Rick Wolfe had contacted him to say the District would be in contact to schedule an interview following the District’s review of the revised application.
- Capital Outlay Funds – Mr. Strader reported that the District paid capital outlay funds to PAMS with a letter indicating the outcome of the lawsuit by Pinellas County School Board (and other Florida school districts) might result in a “claw back” of the funds that came from the District’s ad valorem portion. A copy of the District letter was distributed to board members.

Consent Agenda Items

All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered by the Board to be routine and will be approved/enacted by the Board in one motion. Unless specifically requested by a Board Member for further discussion or removed from the consent agenda, there will be no discussion on these items prior to the vote taken by the Board. *The following items were unanimously approved under a motion by Patricia Rogers, second by Craig Dolan.*

1. Approval of Purchase Orders and Agreements since prior meeting
2. Approval of Personnel Items including certification waivers (See attached Exhibit A).
3. Approved next board meeting on Wednesday, May 16, 2018.

Items Scheduled for Discussion and Action

None

Board Member Reports

None

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Patricia Rogers BOARD CHAIR
May 9, 2018 DATE