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Governing Board Meeting
Fri., October 5, 2018
8:30 a.m.

Location: SFACS Conference Room

Present: Board members: Glenn Pierce, Max Wyler; Via teleconference: Dr. Yadira Martinez-Fernandez, Dr. Carrie Landess

Staff: Dr. Tamara Moodie, Susan Leon

Guests: Lawrence Popritkin, Dr. Elisa Suarez, Dr. Cicily Nestor, Dana Vignale

Mr. Pierce called the meeting to order. The minutes from the August 17, 2018 board meeting were reviewed and approved.

Public Comment: Mr. Pierce opened the floor for public comment; there was none.

Financial Report: Mr. Pierce reported that the school is good financial position. The amended and restated budget was reviewed by the board. Mr. Pierce then made a motion to approve the amended and restated budget for 2018-19; Mr. Wyler seconded; all approved.

School Report:

Out-of-Field Waivers: Dr. Moodie reported that two more teachers have been hired who require Out-of-Field and/or ASD Endorsement Waivers. Dr. Moodie reviewed the school policies, of providing waivers with the understanding that the teachers will fulfill obtain the certifications and/or endorsement within the required time frame, and that parents are notified via letters sent home and also at school meetings with the Principal. Waivers for the following teachers were presented to the board:

Teacher Name	ESOL	ASD Endorsement	Subject Area
Yiusalin Del Cuadro		X	
Dana Ariel Edwards	X	X	ESE K-12

Dr. Moodie reported that Yiusalin Del Cuadro may not need a waiver for ASD since she holds other certificates that may be acceptable; however, a waiver for the ASD Endorsement is being

Principal / Executive Director
Tamara Moodie, Ph.D.

Operations Director
Susan L. Leon

Governing Board
Glenn R. Pierce - *Chairman*
Robert Cambo - *Vice Chairman*
Yadira Martinez-Fernandez, M.D. - *Secy./Treas.*
Michael C. Marsh, J.D.
William "Max" Wyler
Carrie Landess, M.D.
Robin Parker, SLP.D., CCC - *Member Emeritus*

Consultants:
Frank Rodriguez, MS, BCBA
ABA Programming

requested on her behalf just in case. Ms. Del Cuadro's start date is during the FTE period, and she is presently being cleared. Her waiver is being presented to the board now because the next board meeting is scheduled after FTE ends. Mr. Pierce made a motion to approve waivers for the aforementioned teachers; Mr. Wyler seconded and all approved. Mr. Pierce and Dr. Moodie then signed the waivers, which will be forwarded to the District and uploaded to Charter Tools.

DOE Audit: Dr. Moodie reported that she and Mr. Pierce recently participated in a phone conference with District staff and the Department of Education in reference to the 2014-15 Audit findings with regard to Out-of-Field / ASD Endorsement Waivers. She reported that the conference went very well, additional documentations were requested and a final recommendation is expected soon.

Title One Status: Dr. Moodie reported that the February count for this school year will determine Title One status. In addition, SFACS must have 75% of enrolled students who are eligible for free and/or reduced lunch. Dr. Moodie will be reaching out to the students who are 18 and older and receiving SSI benefits, as they are likely eligible and may not know it.

Enrollment: Dr. Moodie stated that there are presently 230 students enrolled.

New School Activities: Dr. Moodie reported that she has implemented new activities for student participation: a school dance team "Sun Dazzlers," a school basketball team "Sun Rays," and a media department, which will work on newsletters and video news presentations.

New Board Member:

Dr. Moodie introduced Dr. Cicily Payne-Nestor, the newly elected PTSO President. As per the SFACS By-Laws, this allows for her to be appointed to the SFACS governing board. Mr. Pierce then made a motion to appoint Dr. Nestor to the governing board as the SFACS Parent Representative; Mr. Wyler seconded, and all approved.

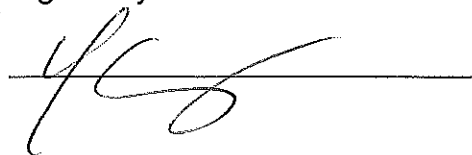
Board Governance Training:

Ms. Leon advised the board that current members must complete the 2-hour board governance refresher training before January of 2019. Dr. Nestor must complete the 4-hour initial training. All board members will be receiving an email link with all the necessary information.

Mr. Pierce made a motion to adjourn; all approved. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 2, 2018.

Prepared by: Susan L. Leon

Signed by:



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