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Governing Board Meeting
Fri., August 17, 2018
8:30 a.m.

Location: SFACS Conference Room

Present: Board members: Glenn Pierce, Dr. Yadira Martinez-Fernandez, Michael C. Marsh;
Staff: Dr. Tamara Moodie, Susan Leon; Guests: Lawrence Popritkin, Susan Kassab, Richard Moreno, Ivan Fajardo, Dana Vignale.

Mr. Pierce called the meeting to order. The minutes from the July 31, 2018 board meeting were reviewed and approved.

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

Financial Report:

There is currently a \$434,000 budget surplus. IDEA funds have been counted but not received, but they will be received soon. Dr. Moodie stated she felt the school should try to obtain Title I status. She will be encouraging parents to apply for the freed and reduced lunch program at the Open House tomorrow.

Dr. Moodie presented the final budget amendment to the board. Mr. Pierce made a motion to approve the final budget amendment; Mr. Marsh seconded, all approved.

School Report:

Enrollment: Dr. Moodie stated that we were at 230 students enrolled at the end of the last school year, and we are beginning with the same number. Twelve students aged out, and all were replaced. She further stated that she anticipated enrollment reaching 250 this year. Dr. Moodie described the administrative team and their new duties for the year.

Audit: Dr. Moodie reported that she continues to work on the appeal of the 2014-15 Audit.

Out-of-Field Waivers: Dr. Moodie explained to the board that in some cases staff members need an out-of-field waiver. She described the ASD Endorsement, which she is now

Principal / Executive Director
Tamara Moodie, Ph.D.

Operations Director
Susan L. Leon

Governing Board
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Consultants:
Frank Rodriguez MS, BCBA
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collaborating with Miami-Dade College as an adjunct professor to teach this course onsite at SFACS. She further stated that staff must sign an agreement stating that they will complete the necessary courses before the end of the school year. Two staff members last year were not asked back for not fulfilling this requirement. Mr. Pierce made a motion to approve out-of-field waivers for 2018-19; Mr. Marsh seconded, all approved. Mr. Pierce and Dr. Moodie then signed waivers for the following staff:

Teacher Name	ESOL	ASD Endorsement	Subject Area
Amanda Ammon		X	
Ariel Betancourt		X	
Stephanie Ghitis		X	
Ariel Gold	X	X	
Aakilah Johnson	X	X	ELEM K-6
David Macias		X	ELEM K-6
Pablo Olivares	X		ELEM K-6
Daniela Rodriguez-Machado	X	X	ESE K-12
Dayannis Rodriguez-Alvarez	X	X	ELEM K-6
Ariadna Rojas		X	
Brianna Wright	X	X	ELEM K-6

Emergency Plan: Dr. Moodie described the different measures and policies in place by the state and district as a result of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas shooting. SFACS will improve upon security by adding a parent volunteer at the gate during high traffic hours. Officer Quinones will be making a presentation to staff and families regarding safety. Ms. Vignale stated that an armed School Resource Officer (SRO) will be assigned to the CCMS campus, and that this individual is trained in ESE. Dr. Moodie asked Ms. Vignale to ensure that she is included with any trainings and/or meetings that the SRO has with CCMS staff. With regard to safety at the new campus, Dr. Moodie has spoken to parents who work in law enforcement and they have recommended that she utilizing "Guardians" who are retired law enforcement. Mr. Pierce indicated that the new campus will line up with new guidelines for safety with regard to construction.

Immunizations: Dr. Moodie stated that there are approximately 17 families out of compliance with regard to immunizations, and that she has contacted the families directly.

Charter Renewal: Dr. Moodie reported that staff has already begun working on the Charter Renewal application. She and a staff member will attend a renewal application meeting offered by CSCS on September 6th.

Management Fee: Ms. Vignale reported that the reduced rate being offered by CSCS will go into effect in February, and asked if the board would like to accept this new rate. Mr. Pierce made a motion to approve the new management agreement and reduced fee offered by CSCS;

Misc.

Ms. Leon reported that Superintendent Carvalho's office has expressed an interest in attending the Ray of Hope Gala, and also expressed an interest in possibly speaking at the event.

Dr. Moodie and Ms. Leon were featured in the Social Miami newsletter for the CARD Gala; this was shared with the board.

Dr. Moodie shared with the board the first draft of a children's book written about SFACS; this will be the focus for this year's video presentation.

Mr. Mir recently did a radio interview for Commissioner Souto about SFACS.

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:



Print Name: Yodira Martinez