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Governing Board Meeting
Fri., September 6, 2019
8:30 a.m.

Location: SFACS Conference Room

Present: Board members: Glenn Pierce, Dr. Cicily Payne-Nestor; via teleconference – Robert Cambo, Dr. Yadira Martinez-Fernandez, Michael Marsh and Max Wyler; Staff: Dr. Tamara Moodie, Susan Leon; Guests: Elisa Suarez

Mr. Pierce called the meeting to order. The minutes from the May 10, 2019 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 annual audit has been completed and we had a strong year, up \$200,000 from the year before. The school has the ability to contribute additional funds to the construction of the new campus if necessary.

Next, Mr. Pierce presented the final operating budget to the board. He made a motion to approve the final budget, and all approved.

School Report:

Student Report: Dr. Moodie reported that there are 231 students currently. We had some students who were no shows, as well as some who have been out sick.

Staff Report: Dr. Moodie reported that there are approximately 100 staff members, including part-time, full-time, and contractors.

Compliance Update: Dr. Nestor reported that the Compliance Committee continues to meet once per month. She stated that Dr. Neimand suggested Dr. Moodie attend more meetings

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. - *Secty./Treas.*
Michael C. Marsh, J.D.
William "Max" Wyler
Carrie Landess, M.D.
Cicily Payne-Nestor, D.C.
Robin Parker, SLP,D., CCC - *Member Emeritus*

Advisory Board:
Susan Neimand, Ph.D.
Dean of the School of Education
Miami-Dade College

Consultants:
Frank Rodriguez, MS, BCBA
ABA Programming

offered by charter school support groups, such as FAIPS and Charter School Alliance. Mr. Wyler suggested that governing board members should attend as well.

Our-of-Field Waivers: Dr. Moodie reminded the board of the policy with regard to Out of Field Waivers, i.e., Autism Endorsement, ESOL, and Subject Area. Dr. Moodie advised that the state will be requiring a Reading Endorsement beginning next school year. Dr. Moodie then provided a summary of the teachers who will be holding waivers for 2019-20, which are listed below:

Teacher Name	ASD	ELEM K-6	ESE K12	ESOL	READ
Melissa Ames	X				X
Alexis Alvite					
Amanda Ammon					X
Michael Fairclough	X		X		
Kristen Falepaina					X
Stephanie Ghitis	X				X
Ariel Gold	X				X
Aakilah Johnson	X				X
Jennifer Lerner					X
David Macias	X				X
Reinaldo Mercado					X
Tamara Moodie	X	X	X	X	X
Daniela Rodriguez	X				
Ariadna Rojas	X				X
Denisse Simonian	X			X	
Silvia Soldevila	X			X	X
Brianna Wright	X	X			X
Maria Zambrano					X

In addition, Dr. Moodie advised the board that two additional staff will soon be Teacher at SFACS, and they will both need waivers soon. One was hired from another state and the transfer of her certificate is pending; she was hired as a Teacher Assistant and will be promoted to Teacher once her certificate transfers. The second is new hire that just cleared, and she will start as a Teacher on Monday, September 9th. Dr. Moodie asked the board for approval of waivers.

Safe School Requirements: Dr. Moodie reported to the board all the new policies being implemented with regard to school safety. All staff members have completed trainings with regard to Active Assailant and Mental Health. All schools are required to adopt a nationally recognized Active Assailant policy and the district recommends C.R.A.S.E. Mr. Pierce made a motion for SFACS to adopt C.R.A.S.E., Dr. Nestor seconded, all approved.

Governance:

Management Services: Dr. Moodie advised the board that Dana Vignale has left the district, and we have a whole new management team.

Lease & Management Agreement: We are waiting for the signed Lease; this includes a month-to-month option. The Management Agreement is pending as well; it will include a discounted rate.

By-Laws: The By-Laws have been amended. Mr. Pierce requested that the by-laws be emailed to all governing board members for review and approval.

Fundraising:

Dr. Nestor reported that the preparations for the annual Ray of Hope Gala are going very well. She indicated that she would be reaching out to the board members to ask for help with attracting new sponsors.

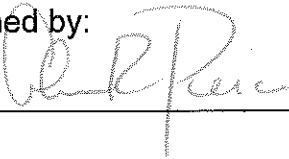
Facilities:

Construction: Mr. Pierce provided an update on the progress of construction. He indicated that it will be a closed campus with special attention given to security. In addition, he indicated that we have received offers of assistance for terrazzo floors and paint.

Mr. Pierce made a motion to adjourn; all approved. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 1, 2019.

Prepared by: Susan L. Leon

Signed by:



Print Name: GLENN PIERCE