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SFACS
Governing Board Meeting
Fri., November 1, 2019
8:30 a.m.

Location: SFACS Conference Room

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

Mr. Pierce called the meeting to order. The minutes from the September 6, 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 school is in a very good financial position.

Facilities Report:

Dr. Moodie reported to the board how important it is that the campus gates be kept locked. SFACS currently shares the SRO with CCMS. On our new campus, SFACS will be contracting with the City of Hialeah for an SRO. Mr. Pierce described to the board the security systems that will be in place at the new campus.

School Report:

Audit: Dr. Moodie reported that the school did very well in the recent DOE Audit of the 2018-19 school year. There were three issues, which we were able to resolve, and so there were zero findings.

Staff Report: The school is fully staffed.

Student Report: Dr. Moodie reported that there are 227 students currently. There are 4 records transfers pending.

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.
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

Issues with parents: Mr. Wyler brought up some issues that have been occurring lately with parents who are out of compliance with school policies, including the volunteer hour & parent training requirement, as well as parents who are rude to the staff. He stated that the board must step up to address these issues. He suggested that the school prepare a video describing school policies, and that we post this video on our website and also show it at all parent meetings, as well as have parents view the video when they enroll.

Transportation for next year: Dr. Moodie reported that several students have been "grandfathered" for transportation, i.e., when we moved from the last campus we agreed to provide transportation this year even though the student is no longer within the 2-4 mile radius.

In regards to the issues mentioned above, Dr. Jackson suggested that we look at our board policies and school procedures moving forward. She recommended that the board refrain from grandfathering ineligible students so that they continue to receive transportation, and that we must start fresh at the new campus, following the 2-4 mile radius rule strictly. In addition, she advised the board that they must take a collective stand with how to address parents who do not comply with school policies.

Mr. Pierce stated that the board would address parents with regard to school policies, including transportation, at the mid-year open house, and again at the open house in August. The school will prepare a video with a very clear outline of school policies. All families will receive an email with a link to this video and it will be posted on the home page of the school website. In addition, Mr. Pierce stated that the board would begin sending regular emails immediately advising of the transportation policy for the new campus.

With regard to parents who do not comply with school policies, including parent requirements, Mr. Wyler suggested that these cases should be brought before the board, and that the board should decide on the outcome.

Mr. Pierce made a motion to notify parents regarding enforcement of school policies, including transportation policies and parent requirements of 30 volunteer hours and 4 parent trainings. Mr. Wyler seconded, all approved.

Email reminders will begin immediately and Dr. Payne-Nestor, the parent representative on the governing board, will send them.

Fundraising:

Dr. Moodie reminded everyone that the Ray of Hope Gala is Nov. 16th and to please be sure to send in the names of their guests. She reported that the Superintendent will be in attendance as well as several School Board members.

The ribbon cutting ceremony for our new campus will be Nov. 13, 2020, and is being scheduled to take place the day before our next Gala on Nov. 14, 2020.

Mr. Pierce made a motion to adjourn; all approved. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 10, 2020.

Prepared by: Susan L. Leon

Signed by:

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Print Name: Yadia Martinez Ferrandez