

Independence Classical Academy Governing Board
Emergency Meeting Minutes
May 26th, 2021 5:00pm
2900 S. Jenkins Road (St. Peter's) Fort Pierce, FL
MEETING MINUTES

In attendance:

Board members: Clay Becton, Debbie Kikliter-Kelley, Sandra Crouch, Arthur Cross (board member-elect), Cathy Townsend

Faculty/Staff: Sandy Krischke & Tamara Gavin

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Becton at 5:01pm

Attendance was recorded and speakers were present on behalf of the families being discussed (attendance sheet).

Pledge was recited, led by Chairman Becton, and meeting notice was reviewed.

Note: Arthur Cross attended as board-member elect and did not have a vote during this meeting.

Public comment was heard. MH's mother spoke regarding her disappointment in the school and decisions made against her daughter. Stated she is well behaved and the absences were in the best interest of the school. MH mother was asked to step out while we heard from the other parents of the second student.

BH grandfather spoke, then his father spoke and a letter was given to Ms. Krischke that he wrote. They asked for reconsideration of his disciplinary action and loss of current seat (he would need to reapply). They stated that they would be willing to get him counseling and place him on medication if we would agree to allow him to retain his seat.

Both parents were asked to remain while discussion on potential action possibilities ensued and were then notified that Ms. Krischke would reach out with the board's decision.

After much conversation and review of the materials provided to the board regarding academic, attendance, and behavioral reports-it was decided that while some policies might need to be re-evaluated, the summer workshop was the time to do so, as opposed to setting precedent with going against current policy-which would be unfair to other students who have lost their seats for similar/same reasons. Both decisions stood. BH can reapply for a seat if they desire and will be waitlisted in order of priorities with everyone else.

MH will not be accepted back and will likely (upon final grade report by faculty) be retained-though if she moves to a district school, typical retention is not triggered until 3rd grade, so they may promote her despite our recommendation for retention.

Note: SC is neighbors with MH mother and recused herself from the vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:06pm

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