

Independence Classical Academy Governing Board

October 21st, 2020 6:00pm

2902 S Jenkins Road Fort Pierce, FL

MEETING MINUTES

In attendance

Board Members: Sandra Crouch, Debbie Kicliter-Kelley, & Clay Becton

Absent: Cathy Townsend and Glenda Macon

Others: See Sign in sheet

The meeting was called to order at 6:31pm by Board Chair Clay Becton. On a motion by Glenda Macon and a 2nd by Debbie Kelley, the minutes from October 2020 meeting were approved as written with no changes.

Operations report was given. No action needed

Principals Report was given. No action needed. Dress code changes were recommended and will be placed for immediate action by SAC at next meeting. Study Hall for middle school has been changed to Research & Career Development-we have hired a certified instructor and middle school students will be working on specific items pertaining to the curriculum of core class subject while there.

Scheduled Speaker: Kameron Kinser (parent) spoke by thanking the audience and going through 12 "facts" about Mrs. Krischke that he felt needed to be addressed by the board and the attendees advised on. Overall, the comments were structured to paint a picture that Sandy is unethical and immoral and should not be leading the school, that the character and actions by her were not fit to lead a school, and that she lied about her credentials and has proof of such-and that she was unapologetic in meeting with him and his wife, that the details surrounding her certifications were passed off as "semantics," and the board illegally skirted the law by changing her title to pass over the requirements of her lack of certification.

Old Business: Proposed reorganization chart (carried over from 9/16/20 meeting) was tabled on a motion by DK and 2nd by SC until November when a larger board presence was available for discussion. ESE position was discussed and rate of original budgeted amount approved based on ESE allocations projected by the state during FTE week and SFS budget submitted to district.

New Business: Social media policy discussion regarding use of ICA and general PR issues in light of recent issues. SC motioned to table this issue as well, given lack of board presence and suggests meetings be rescheduled to accommodate majority of the board and other

County/City public meetings and moved earlier. Motion was 2nd by DK and approved. Discussion on substitutes ensued regarding the fact that we have been short staffed (as they have been all year), but numerous new applicants have come in and two permanent subs are not on call.

Consent Agenda: With a motion by DK and 2nd by SC to approve the consent agenda, the CARES ACT allocation will be credited to the maintenance/janitorial supplies purchased, and the process to submit for reimbursement will begin immediately. The grant writer contract will proceed and move forward for signatures.

Public Comment:

- Leann Chandler spoke to discuss communication and how things are not coming home as quickly as she would like or was used to. Questions on PowerSchool and if grades will be accessible by parents and when.
- Ms. Mele spoke about her being promised we could accommodate her child who was ESE and are we meeting the FAPE rule and guidelines for ESE accommodations. Now she is upset that her other child who is still here was being treated poorly due to her relationship to her former student (brother) who was an ESE student.
- Jenn Hayes spoke on the 3-strike rule and why discipline issues were so bad and the fact that kids are allowed to be as rude as they are when they were told this would not be tolerated here. Wants to know if teacher were ever trained on classroom management and discipline policy?
- Jeremy Theisen spoke on several points of not having a budget and the board not doing their job of approving and presenting a budget. He claimed Mrs. Krischke while congratulated her on getting the school to open and have students in attendance, that the goal should be children not ego. He went on to state that records were requested and it appears a position for ESE was requested but not approved and therefore no services have been being given and we are not in compliance with state law. April Haney was called upon but yielded her time back to Mr. Theisen and he continued with the fact that ESE is an important issue and he reviewed all of the emails requested in a public records request, and he saw the mention of hiring an ESE Specialist and it was not honored. He also stated that he read through numerous emails and meeting minutes and noticed that our board never disagrees on any issues or debates and that this was unhealthy and not productive for a board. Indicated through various emails he found a trend that Dr. Purnell asked for things and Mrs. Krischke didn't allow it due to improper purchase order process and that this was not the way to conduct business and stop progress. He agrees with Mr. Kinser that it was deceptive to change Mrs. Krischke's title to skirt state statute. He ended with calling for Mrs. Krischke's termination and Mr. Becton's resignation.

- Mr. Purnell spoke to tell a tale of the real beginnings of ICA in which His wife always wanted to be a principal of a classical school and when Mrs. Krischke found this out, she approached her to help found the school. That years of hard work ensued and that it was always about “sticking it to the Democrats and she didn’t care about the charter.” He seconded the termination of Mrs. Krischke and resignation of Mr. Becton.

Board Comment: With no further comment from the board, the next meeting will be posted and the board meeting adjourned by Chair Becton.

With no further questions or comments from the public, or comments from the board, the next meeting was scheduled for October at 6:00pm in the cafeteria.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:42pm

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