

Independence Classical Academy Governing Board

October 7th, 2021 @ 5:00pm
2902 S Jenkins Road Fort Pierce, FL

MEETING MINUTES

In attendance: *Board Members:* Debbie Kicliter-Kelley, Sandra Crouch, Arthur Cross, Clay Becton & Cathy Townsend. *Others:* Ms. Krischke (Director of Operations), Ms. Gavin (Principal), *Absent:* None *Guests:* Two parents, Ms. Lee and Ms. Reeder

Guests (signed in): Monica Hall, Jennifer Lee, & Tanisha Reeder

The meeting was called to order at 5:09 pm by Vice Chair Arthur Cross (chairman running late).

On a MTA by CT & a 2nd by SC, the minutes from July 2021 regular/organizational meeting were approved as written.

Reports: Operations report was given by Sandy Krischke. Principals Report was given by Tamara Gavin. On a MTA by DK and a 2nd by CT both reports were accepted unanimously. AG & PTO Committee reports were provided to the board by Ms. Krischke from each ad hoc committee. Ms. Gavin provided an update on SAC committee as well. All reports were informational only, but unanimously accepted into record by the board on a motion by SC and a 2nd by DK.

Old Business: Phase II update was provided to the board by Ms. Krischke regarding permitting issues (wetlands mitigation requirement stemming from recent legislation) and the possibility of moving forward with a temporary modular solution while we figure out the permitting issues or find another location. The bonding will now proceed for our current facility only and not include the purchase and build of Phase II, only the purchase and/or lease-purchase of the adjacent land. Informational only. No action needed.

New business: Mr. Becton and Ms. Krischke discussed the results of the 20/21 financial audit, which was clean. No findings. Several operational changes occurred that helped our audit process, and a few findings occurred (lack of specific information had fallen off the website, etc..) and were corrected as we moved along. Everything has already been signed off on by board chair and sent to the auditors for filing with the district and state.

Several concerns were brought to the board regarding parents and students regarding behavioral issues as well as academic & attendance probation students-the board took action

on all cases. Ms. Krischke & Ms. Gavin will follow up with parents. On a motion by CT and a 2nd by AC, 2 students will be asked withdraw in lieu of a recommendation for expulsion, but if parents are unwilling to withdraw-an expulsion hearing will be scheduled and recommended to the SLC school district for action. A third student in similar action has already been withdrawn by parent with the understanding that this was not the right fit for their child. Other students will be put on notice for the status of their attendance/academics and a phone conference will be held as well as deficiency notice sent home informing them of the failure to maintain requirements of probation, and the loss of their seat if standards not met by March 1st, 2022 for the 22/23 school year.

Consent Agenda: No items on the consent agenda.

Questions/Concerns: Three parents were present to discuss various things. Ms. Lee wanted to discuss a discipline issue, but it was covered earlier in the meeting and she was satisfied with the result. She thanked the board for taking action to protect students from bullying. Ms. Reeder just wanted to tell the board how thankful she was that her child was here and thriving. Mrs. Hall said there have been some challenges in math but her child is doing great and she saw such a change between last year and this year and was very happy and wanted to let the board know.

Board Comment/Good of the Order: Mr. Cross discussed the playground and where we are on fundraising. That is one of the top priorities. Mr. Becton asked the top three priorities, and it was discussed that a playground, the pavilion cover, and shade sails/grading of courtyard are top three priorities. Shade sails will be \$15k-\$25k. Pavilion is \$50k, and the playground is \$40k. Ms. Townsend asked about ice cream sales and wanted to sell every day. Ms. Gavin stated VPK was selling on other days, and we did sell out every week. We will start, volunteer permitting, selling on Tuesday and Friday. It isn't enough money to work on projects, but every little bit helps. Mr. Cross mentioned how nice it was to see people in attendance at the board meeting!

With no further comments or concerns, the board was notified of the next regular meeting scheduled for January 6th, 2022 @ 5pm in the cafeteria unless an expulsion hearing needed to happen before that, an emergency meeting would be called by the board chair upon notification.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:06pm

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