



Governing Board Meeting Agenda

October 13, 2014

Time: 6:05 PM

Called to order @ 6:12 PM

Roll Call by Heather Confer: In attendance – Tim Quinn, Dr. Nate Nichols, and C. Ron Allen

C. Ron Allen opens the meeting with welcomes and thanks to parents.

C. Ron Allen outlines the roles and responsibilities of a governing board member.

- Resignation of Nykowanna Sloan – C. Ron Allen moves to motion to accept the resignation of Ms. Nykowanna Sloan as principal, Dr. Nate Nichols accepted the motion and Tim Quinn seconded the motion. All members say “aye”.
- Submit Budget for review – Melissa March explains that a budget review committee has reviewed the budgets, there were a few changes made. Gregory Blount is working with Melissa March and Juanita Edwards to finalize all questions and will be ready for a full report soon. C. Ron Allen asked for a motion to submit the budget for review. Dr. Nate Nichols makes a motion to accept the budget for review and Tim Quinn seconded the motion. All members say “aye”.
- Added item: C. Ron Allen announces that the search for a new principal has begun. The School will take its time to find the right person. The school has begun integrating the arts into the curriculum. Many teachers have jumped on board. Two celebrities have come to visit the school and talked with the students.
- Submit Governing Board Minutes for approval – C. Ron Allen asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Tim Quinn makes a motion to approve and Dr. Nichols seconded the motion. All members say “aye”.
- Election of New Members – Heather Confer read the roll of candidates for Governing Board Member: Annetta Jenkins, Anna Navarro, Mabel Ramirez, Nancy Flinn, Thais Gonzalez, Claudio Jaffe, Dario Ayala, Bill Paczkowski, Diane Gartner, Edward Chan, Bruce Murray and roll of candidates for Parent Liaison: Brooke Harvilla, Bruce Murray, Thais Gonzalez.
 - Each board member received a ballot.
 - Ballots were submitted to Heather Confer. Heather calculated votes and a majority was met for all three openings. The new governing board members were announce: Bill Paczkowski,



Claudio Jaffe and Annetta Jenkins. A majority was also reached for the non-voting position of Parent Liaison: Brooke Harvilla

- “Patch” (Bill Paczkowski) introduces himself,
- Resignation of Dr. Nate Nichols – C. Ron Allen makes a motion to accept the resignation of Dr. Nichols. Tim Quinn seconded the motion. All say “aye”.
- Added item: Dr. Nate Nichols makes his final farewell speech. Thankful for the opportunity to help lead this school with all of its potential. Belief in C. Ron Allen’s abilities to help govern the school.
- Added item: C. Ron Allen introduces Tim Quinn. Tim Quinn introduces himself and gives a brief background of himself.
- Public Comment - Questions answered by Greg Blount.
 - Brooke Harvilla is the new parent liaison, not C. Ron Allen?
 - Yes.
 - What is going on with the arts in the schools?
 - C. Ron Allen – we are looking to put Mr. Blount in a leadership position in the school.
 - Greg Blount explained that with the help of the management company the school has purchased software to help create an engaging environment which is the plan for the first year of Artademics.
 - Mr. Blount noted that with changes in the board and working with the management company, the school is seeing real change. Eagle Arts Academy is one of the largest charter schools in the district at the time of opening.
 - Artademics is working with the management company to purchase the first books being used with Artademics.
 - Mr. Blount heralded the ESE meeting on Saturday with Dr. Rosemary Daniels and that is will be good to have all teachers gifted certified.
 - Mitchell Musso, a former Disney star, will be visiting the school and speaking with the kids.
 - Where will additional students be put when the school grows?
 - We will not have to build next year. To get to 1488 we have to build another wing. We are now at 1075 capacity now.
 - How about the dance and TV studio?
 - Both should be done by December.
 - How about the technology in the classrooms, we were told there would be more? How about the Mac labs? What are the students doing in the classes?
 - The management company ordered 6 additional carts. Rolling out approximately 200 more ebolts in 2 weeks.



- Comcast is very slow in upgrading our bandwidth system so we are not able to use all of the ebolts at one time. We are trying to use programs that use apps instead of the internet to help with that.
- IXL should be rolled out in the next 7-10 business days.
- We are looking at leasing or buying options for iPads and Macs.
- Cannot make decisions without a finalized budget.
- What is Comcast doing to fix the problem?
 - We are working to use apps.
 - Trying our best to work with Comcast but for now we are bypassing Comcast by using apps.
 - iReady is coming in as an app so we can use it in mass numbers.
 - Number one goal of management company, governing board, and administration is to get the carts out as soon as possible.
- Is there a secure sign-in for parents for the website instead of a wide open system?
 - Yes Rediker is slow in coming but it is coming soon. It was ordered in July or August but teachers are just now getting their training due to the companies backlog.
- Are all teachers required to use this system?
 - Yes.
- What is the roll of all of the companies and foundations?
 - Artademics has a contract with iSchools.
 - This year is about building the program through creating an engaging environment. Staring with Alice in Wonderland and then Peter Pan.
- Isn't Artademics supposed to provide the Artademics materials to the school? Are you going to change the contract?
 - The board was supposed to sign a brand and curriculum license to me (Greg Blount).
- It's supposed to be signed to the school not you according to the charter and the management agreement.
 - Mr. Blount: Delray was supposed to be the model school and Wellington is the development school. There was no way to develop the Artademics program within the short timeframe in opening the school early.
- The enrichment programs are great. I paid the \$200 for my daughter to participate in flag football. The website says support the school on the enrichment registration page. My receipt says EMPACC. So is the money going to the school or the Foundation?
 - Mr. Blount states that the Foundation is only helping the aftercare program now. I (Greg Blount) am working with the management company to build a separate website. We have an agreement and "Dollar for dollar made from enrichment programs will go to the school."
- What's happening with the PE program and dance?
 - The school has to find someone who is PE certified for straight PE or we need a K-6 certified teacher that's willing to teach dance. The certifications don't exist for schools like this.



- Will we have a PE type program this year?
 - Melissa March explains that we are working to make sure they are certified to be compliant but also trying to fulfill Greg's vision. Yes, we have to have a PE type program. The state has proposed that there be an end of year exam for specials classes. The state has also mandated computerized testing which is much more expensive. We are being innovative but we still have to be in compliance. We have to be fiscally responsible. Greg's vision is a \$2 million dollar vision and we are working to phase it in properly.
- What is the plan to flush out the ESE support staff?
 - Ms. March states that the school is in compliance. Mr. Pegg is working to get the missing student files that we have not received from other schools. We are working to make up minutes missed since the beginning of the year.
- My son requires an ESE resource room and was told that the school couldn't service him so I had to withdraw?
 - Ms. March states that the charter has an 80% (push-in)/20% (pull-out) model and no resource room. We have to look at the IEP.

➤ C. Ron Allen adjourns the meeting at 7:35 PM

