

AVANT GARDE ACADEMY, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

October 14, 2013

12:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm by J. Valent

Board Members Present: Julia Valent, Mario Ruiz, Dr. Antonio Cruz

Excused Absence: Dr. Loriana Novoa

Staff Present: Frank Bolanos, Executive Director

I. Open for Public Comment

No comments were received.

II. Minutes from June 22, 2013 Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes was made by M. Ruiz and seconded by A. Cruz. Passed unanimously.

III. School Report

The School opened on time on August 19th, in spite of several delays and challenges with the site and facility. The School opened with 150 students and currently has 165. The projected enrollment and capacity was 350 students. The School staffed and prepared itself for 350 students. The financial impact of under-enrollment and staffing is addressed in the financial section.

The temporary nature of the modulars and delays with site preparation and approval of the certificate of occupancy negatively impacted enrollment. Over

40 enrolled students did not show up for school, deciding to stay in their home school. Several parents were disappointed with the location of the common bus stop routes. Other limiting factors that were cited are lack of sports, music and band.

An additional bump up in enrollment is expected for the February student FTE funding count, projected at 175 students. The landlord and builders are stating that they plan to start building the permanent structure in the first quarter of 2014. This will significantly boost enrollment. Enrollment for the 2014-2015 year will commence in March.

The School has received 2 very positive television interviews: Channel 6 Orlando and Telemundo. The interviews highlight the cutting edge approach and the excitement of teachers and students.

The most recent school newsletter is attached.

Motion to accept the school report was made by A. Cruz and seconded by M. Ruiz. Passed unanimously.

IV. Governance

The Board is being presented with the request to approve out of field teachers, in order to comply with the financial reorganization that is required to maintain the financial integrity of the School. The following individuals are approved by the Board for Out of Field instruction, if needed: Emmanuel Cruz, Sophia George, Carlos Lugo, Kady Muhammad, Amanda Nelson, Patricia Rodriguez, Janeika Sweet, Alexandra Valdes, Madelin Ruiz, Ivonne Sardinas.

Motion to approve the request was made by M. Ruiz and seconded by A.

Cruz. Passed unanimously.

V. Marketing & Public Relations

Marketing and public relations is on-going at the school and in community events.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The following 2 events will take place at the School on Thursday, November 21st:

- On site Board Meeting from 3 to 4 pm (time is tentative, pending board member preference)
- Dedication event, 6 to 8 pm, co-sponsored by the Kissimmee Chamber of Commerce

Motion to accept the marketing report was made by A. Cruz and seconded by M. Ruiz. Passed unanimously.

VI. Financial

The School is addressing the financial situation created by under enrollment and the related personnel costs. The Board authorizes the Executive Director and Principal to implement necessary cost savings, in order to assure the financial integrity of the school.

The October 2013 budget was presented and reviewed.

Motion to approve the financial report and budget was made by M. Ruiz and seconded by A. Cruz. Passed unanimously.

VII. Old Business (No old business)

VIII. New Business (No new business)

IX. Board Member Comments

All board members expressed their gratitude and satisfaction with all of the efforts leading to a successful school opening.

There being no further business before the board of directors of Avant Garde Academy, Inc., a motion to adjourn was made by A. Cruz and seconded by M. Ruiz. Passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 pm.