

AVANT GARDE ACADEMY, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

December 14th, 2018, 5p.m.
2880 N. Orange Blossom Trail, Kissimmee FL 34741

Mission: Avant Garde Academy will provide a student centered learning environment that develops the whole child and provides them with the 21st Century skills to become responsible leaders in their community.

The meeting was called to order by Julia Valent at 5:00 p.m. The following board members were in attendance: Julia Valent, Erika Gonzalez, Agustin Lopez and Dr. Antonio Cruz. Also, in attendance were: Dr. Elaine Perez, Samantha DelPonte, Joel Mesa, Jennifer Lucas, Guillermo Moreno, Jason Gines, Deanna Palonis, Keith Yarbrough, Ivonne Sardinias, Frank Bolanos, Frances Bolanos, Manny Riera and Lillian Afre.

- I. Approval of Minutes for November 12th, 2018
E. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the November 12th minutes, seconded by A. Cruz. The motion passed.
- II. Open for Public/Parental Comment (*regarding agenda items)
There were no public comments.
- III. Approval of October and November 2018 Financial Reports to the District for all Campuses (5015, 5791, 0155, & 0161)
Board members discussed the Financial Reports. Jennifer Lucas advised that Broward would be receiving Title 1 and Capital Outlay reimbursements that are owed.
E. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the October and November 2018 Financial Reports
A. Cruz seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- IV. Approval of United Health Care Plan for OBT & PH (0155 & 0161)
Board members discussed and reviewed the Health Care plan options.
A. Cruz made a motion to approve the United Health Care Plan for OBT & PH
E. Gonzalez seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- V. Approval of \$102,300.00 Line Of Credit from LBS Services Inc. to PH (0161)
F. Bolanos advised the board that the Line of Credit would be used to assist PH.
E. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the LBS Services Inc. Line Of Credit to PH
A. Cruz seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- VI. Approval of Certification to School District of Osceola County for OBT (0155)
Board members reviewed the letter and J. Valent signed the document once approved.
E. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the Certification to School District of Osceola County for OBT. A. Cruz seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- VII. Approval of Renewal Applications for OBT & PH (0155 & 0161)
Board members discussed and reviewed the final renewal applications for OBT and PH.
E. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the Renewal Applications for OBT and PH. A. Cruz seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- VIII. Approval of Deposit Account Control Agreement (DACA) for PH Campus (0161)
F. Bolanos explained to the board the reasons for the DACA agreement for CAM loans.
E. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the Deposit Account Control Agreement A. Cruz seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- IX. Discussion of OBT High School Sports Program and Budget
Discussed the OBT High Sports program. The board asked for information on how Sports programs impact academics and registration.
- X. School Reports & Financial Updates
- A. OSCEOLA (K8) (0161)
- i. Student Enrollment, Campus Data, Principal's Update
Enrollment 263
G. Moreno advised board of Pre-K opening next year, which will assist in feeding students for Kindergarten. IReady scores showing positive growth from 37 to 47 percent. Algebra Nation and IXL are being used. Data chats with teachers conducted. PD for teachers conducted Nov 30th (Unpacking the Standards). NAEP support for 2 weeks, conducted walk-thru and debriefing. Are Title 1, SAC and ESOL compliant. Grant for school security was submitted. Making bus changes to reduce the number of students on bus 4, which is overcrowded. Conducted Pep Rally for motivation, and will award tablet for students with greatest academic growth.
Staff presented the latest financial report to the District with changes to the financial conditions. Discussion ensued between the Board members and staff regarding the school's state of financial affairs and significant changes to the financial conditions. The Board requested and received an update on cash management and account payables.
- B. OSCEOLA (6-12) (0155)
- i. Student Enrollment, Campus Data, Principal's Update
Enrollment 567
J. Gines advised board that the school enrollment goal for next year is 675, they are starting enrollment meetings in January, and S. Delponte will be assisting. They are requesting a market analysis from Building Hope and also planning a STEAM Fest. Fully staffed, Dr. Pace visited school and provided positive feedback, however wants to see teacher improvement in higher order questioning. Walk-thrus conducted with NAEP and corrective feedback provided. FSA retakes have been completed. Unisig grant computers have been set up and being used for intensives and labs. Baseball team won 2 championships and basketball team doing very well. Will be adding a soccer team next year.
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- C. BROWARD (K-8) (5015)
- i. Student Enrollment, Campus Data, Principal's Update
Enrollment 1214
S. Delponte advised board the Data Chats for diagnostic math and reading have been completed. Tier 1 Reading increase from 35 to 50% and Math from 28 to 47%. All students that needed to be changed from Tier 1 to 2 have been moved. The Kindergarten team is doing a Roundup event for families to assist with enrollment. Title 1 meeting scheduled in January to for Intervention Response.
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- D. BROWARD (6-12) (5791)
- i. Student Enrollment, Campus Data, Principal's Update

Enrollment 578

J. Mesa advised board Diagnostics for 6-11 completed, added language arts program for ESOL students. Progress monitoring system added for high school, and adding 2 dual enrollment classes. FSA retakes completed. Adding 6 AP courses and additional Robotics for next year.

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XI. Old Business

There was no old business.

XII. New Business

Manny Riera from Carpe Diem presented to the board the services his company provides and the benefits to the students and schools. Explained the mental health counseling (preventative and intervention) services at no cost to the schools, billed thru Medicaid. His speech and language services which meet all state standards.

Keith Yarbrough spoke regarding the Leadership program, currently 116 students enrolled, 4 new chiefs. OBT High leadership students are doing mentoring at the PH campus. Invited board members to the end of the year event, which is very rewarding and emotional for the students and families. The board asked for information on how the Leadership program impacts academics and registration. Board would also like to see how the Leadership Program could be applied to teachers.

A. Cruz motioned to accept the Board resignation of Luis De Varona due to personal obligations. E. Gonzalez seconded the motion. The motion passed.

IX. Board Members Comments

J. Valent reminded everyone of the AGA Foundation Gala on April 6th.

E. Gonzalez made a motion to adjourn, seconded by A. Cruz. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm

*Public Comments participants may elect to speak on each regular agenda item for up to three minutes and for a combined total of six minutes.