

AVANT GARDE ACADEMY, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

April 23rd, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

Via ZOOM Mtg Id 741 5453 9704

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 7:02 p.m. The following board members were in attendance: Julia Valent, Erika Gonzalez, and Dr. Antonio Cruz. Also, in attendance were Arlene Valdes, Samantha Walker, Jennifer Lucas, Justin Matthews, Jeffrey Hernandez, Marcia Griffin, Artur Glants, Guillermo Moreno, Frances Bolanos, Frank Bolanos and Lillian Afre.

I. Executive Session

Cruz made a motion to go into executive session to discuss legal matters. Seconded by E. Gonzalez; the motion passed. The Board went into executive session at 6:12pm

J. Valent called the regular meeting back to order at 7:02pm

II. Approval of Minutes for Board Meeting of March 30, 2020

E. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the March 30, 2020 minutes, seconded by A. Cruz. The motion passed.

III. Open for Public/Parental Comment (regarding agenda items*)

There were no public comments.

IV. Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Osceola #0155 & #0161 March 2020

Financials; Approval of Broward #5791 & #5015 March 2020 Financials; Approval of 5015 & 5791 Mental Health Assistance Allocation Plan Intention; Acceptance of Victory Revised Memorandum of Best & Brightest Program
A. Cruz made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items, seconded by E. Hernandez. The motion passed.

v. School Updates

a. Broward

Valdez reported on 6-12, virtual learning going well, USA Test Prep usage is at 99%, support of staff via Zoom has been positive, doing PD's virtually and conducting weekly meetings which management company is participating. Graduation and Prom have been canceled, planning a caravan to deliver diplomas personally to each graduate, also having signs made to put on

their lawns. NHS will be offering tutoring virtually. ELA Department to assist with course registration. Gym bleachers were installed, and were given a free sound system for the gym from Archbishop McCarthy School, will only need to purchase the speakers.

S. Walker reported on K-5, virtual learning going well only 4% are not participating. Social worker is selecting a class per day and making student calls to check in on them. ESOL Para is making daily calls to parents to see if they need assistance. Electronic registration form has been created and first week of May will have a drive-by for parents to drop of necessary documentation. 21st Century Grant application has been submitted for \$490K for use with 4th quartile students.

b. Osceola

G. Moreno reported they are in the 4th week of virtual learning and it's going well. They have given out 300 devices to students and have set up Hotlines for parent calls regarding technology questions. Putting together food boxes for needy school families. Planning committee is conducting weekly meetings for next year. Held a virtual job fair for teachers. Elementary attendance is at 90% and Middle/High is at 70%.

J. Hernandez reported teachers are reaching out for smaller group sessions and have office hours daily. Conducting PD every Wednesday. Created on document with all FAQ questions and put answers on a hotline. Planning to offer summer school to help students. Shared Sprint and T-Mobile are providing Hotspots for devices for families that don't have Internet access.

VI. Old Business

There was no old business.

VII. New Business

Osceola management and board members discussed the lease renewal proposal pros and cons were addressed.

J. Valent suggested Lorenzo Cobiella negotiate with the landlord on the schools behalf.

E. Hernandez made a motion to give Lorenzo Cobiella authority to negotiate the lease. A. Cruz seconded the motion. The motion passed.

J. Hernandez recommended the board have a workshop to work thru the logistics of the surrender of VCS K8.

A. Cruz made a motion to schedule the workshop and board meeting for Thursday April 30th at 11:00am. E. Hernandez seconded the motion. The motion passed.

VIII. Board Members Comments

J. Valent thanked everyone for all the hard work.

A. Cruz made a motion to adjourn, seconded by E. Gonzalez. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm