

Avant Garde Academy Foundation, Inc.
Avant Garde Academy Broward 5015 & 5791
Special Board Meeting Minutes
September 29th, 2020 at 5:00pm
Via Zoom Mtg ID 854 0191 4238 Passcode: 743029

MISSION: Avant Garde Academy Broward 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 at 5:05 pm by Maria Diaz-Kremer. The following Board members were in attendance: Ron Legler and Marc Spiegelman. Also, in attendance were Jennifer Lucas, Justin Matthews, Frank Bolanos. Frances Bolanos, Lillian Afre and Phillipe Neptune.

- I. Approval of the August 7, 2020 AGA Foundation Board Meeting Minutes
R. Legler made a motion to approve the August 7, 2020 minutes, seconded by M. Spiegelman; the motion passed.
- II. Open for Public Comments (regarding agenda items)
There were no public comments.
- III. Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Out of Field Teachers for 5015 & 5791;
Approval of Florida Consortium Evaluation Systems for Administrators and Teachers for 5015 & 5791
M. Spiegelman made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items, seconded by R. Legler; the motion passed.
- IV. Approval of August 2020 Monthly Financials for AGA Broward K5 (5015) & AGA Broward 6-12 (5791)
J. Lucas discussed the financials with the board, advised they are tracking positively.
R. Legler made a motion to approve the August 2020 financials, seconded by M. Spiegelman; the motion passed.
- V. Approval 2020 Financial Audits for AGA Broward K5 (5015) & AGA Broward 6-12 (5791)
J. Matthews reviewed the 2020 audits with the board and highlighted the most important parts; he was proud to report the schools did not have any findings and are financially moving in a positive direction. The Board and staff reviewed and discussed the financials. M. Spiegelman asked why 5015 showed a variance over last year. J. Matthews advised it was a combination of debt paid and assets acquired and that relative to the overall budget it is not significant. M. Spiegelman asked what the average percent a charter school should have in cash reserves. J. Matthews advised 2% is the recommended percent. F. Bolanos thanked the entire finance team for their good work.
R. Legler made a motion to approve the 2020 Financial Audits for 5015 and 5791, seconded by M. Spiegelman; the motion passed.
- VI. School Reports

J. Lucas updated the board on current enrollment of 1895, short 186 of goal. Kindergarten enrollment is the lowest the school has ever seen, down 3 classes. Marketing is being done to increase enrollment (Refer a Friend, press release, Russian radio spot). Collapsed some classes and moved long term teachers around which allowed for not bringing in new teachers that had been offered jobs during the summer. Have also applied for grants to make up for the FTE shortage (Cares & CSP). FTE October survey time probably will be extended, which will help. Facilities rentals for gym, cafeteria and field are being offered to generate additional revenues. Technology ordered for a 1 to 1 ratio has not been delivered yet due to national shortage. Continue to distribute breakfast and lunch 2 times a week for remote families. Threat assessment has been completed and turned into district, once district provides award amount will decide which security items can be purchased. Principals continue to engage the community thru weekly Zoom session with parents. Have started staggered return to school for those wishing face-to-face instruction. The remote learning program is much better than last year via the use of Google classroom and Zoom, all teachers and admins have received Google PD. Launching high school football program, the coaches and the equipment are in place, school is partially funding the uniforms; first game in 3 weeks.

F. Bolanos recognized administration for really working well together as a K-12 unit. The Stadio soccer field has been delayed due to current health situation. The Board's attorney will be reaching out to the vendor's counsel to get a status. In the meantime, some revamping of the field will be necessary. Marketing including a mailer and social media marketing is on-going, also using culturally and language relative communications to Russian families, to better serve their needs.

VII. Old Business

There was no old business.

VIII. New Business

F. Bolanos asked M. Diaz-Kremer to share information regarding a civic-minded community service program that could be beneficial to our students and is in line with the Leader in Me goals. M. Diaz-Kremer shared Walk to End Alzheimer's information and how high school students could earn community services hours. Will email program specifics.

IX. Board Member Comments

M. Diaz-Kremer thanked everyone for their work and dedication.

R. Legler made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by M. Spiegelman; the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:14pm.