

**Avant Garde Academy Foundation, Inc.**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
December 13th, 2021 at 4:00pm  
2025 McKinley St, Hollywood FL 33020, Room 159  
Zoom ID 814 0424 0479 Passcode 454859

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

The meeting was called to order by Maria Diaz Kremer at 4:34pm. The following board members were in attendance: Maria Diaz Kremer, Ron Legler, Marc Spiegelman, and Mark Riedmiller. Also, in attendance were Arlene Valdes, Juan Rivera, Justin Matthews, Jennifer Lucas, Frank Bolanos, Frances Bolanos, Mr. Monaco, and Lillian Afre

- I. Approval of the September 28th, 2021 AGA Foundation Board Meeting Minutes  
M. Riedmiller made a motion to approve the September 28, 2021 Board Minutes, seconded by R. Legler. The motion passed.
- II. Open for Public Comments (regarding agenda items)  
There were no public comments.
- III. Consent Agenda: Approval of Out of Fields for AGA Broward K5 (5015) & AGA Broward 6-12 (5791); Approval of October 2021 Monthly Financials for AGA Broward K5 (5015) & AGA Broward 6-12 (5791); Approval of School Wide Plans for AGA Broward K5 (5015) & AGA Broward 6-12 (5791)  
M. Spiegelman made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items; seconded by M. Riedmiller. The motion passed.
- IV. Approval of 20-21 AGA Foundation Inc. 990  
M. Riedmiller made a motion to approve the 20-21 AGA Foundation Inc. 990; seconded by M. Spiegelman. The motion passed.
- V. Approval of Stadio Sub Lease  
Frances Bolanos discussed the Stadio Sub Lease and explained the construction timeline is still pending due to city rezoning of site from a parking lot to a sport field. Frank Bolanos thanked Frances on successfully negotiating a favorable sub-lease for the school.  
R. Legler made a motion to approve the Stadio Sub Lease; seconded by M. Riedmiller. The motion passed.

VI. School Reports

Valdes reported on the Upper School: enrollment short 23 students; fully staffed: 1<sup>st</sup> academic benchmark goals were surpassed; writing a school improvement plan though not required; Leader In Me academies meet monthly and work on “Wildly Important Goals”; Mr. Monaco discussed conducting a Shark Tank on April 14<sup>th</sup> the students are reaching out to political and business leaders to be judges; football and soccer teams were undefeated for the season; challenge: teachers are still experiencing stress due to Covid.

M. Riedmiller asked if they had the necessary resources to address the challenge.

A. Valdes responded they did have the necessary tools and shared the strategies and resources being used.

J. Rivera reported on the Lower School: enrollment short 73 students; fully staffed; on track to meet teacher and student goals; staff will be receiving training from the district on mental health signs identification; ESOL students using Imagine Learning; after school tutoring is being offered; IReady 21% increase on pass rate and 24% increase in usage; partnered with Mondragon University in Spain, they are sending 10 teacher interns; challenge: student academic and social regression, shared strategies being used to address.

R. Legler made a motion to accept the school reports; seconded by M. Spiegelman. The motion passed.

VII. Old Business

L. Afre provided information on quotes to conduct air quality testing and the cost of upgrading to Merv air filters with the current A/C maintenance provider. The board would like to issue an RFP for the next school year.

VIII. New Business

M. Spiegelman informed the board of the annual Baptist Hospital/Miami Heat fund raiser “Bounce Back from Cancer” to raise funds for cancer victims and research. The board felt this would be a worthy event to support by approving community service hours to the upper school students who participate.

IX. Board Member Comments

M. Diaz-Kremer wished everyone Happy Holidays!

R. Legler made a motion to adjourn, seconded by M. Riedmiller. The meeting was adjourned at 5:47pm.