

Avant Garde Academy Foundation, Inc.
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
August 20th, 2021 at 4:00pm
8200 NW 41st St, Suite 200, Doral, FL 33166
Meeting ID 895 1920 7618 Password 363193

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 Maria Diaz Kremer at 4:00pm. The following board members were in attendance: Maria Diaz Kremer, Ron Legler, Marc Spiegelman and Mark Riedmiller. Also, in attendance were Arlene Valdes, Samantha Walker, Juan Rivera, Rafael Mestre, Jennifer Lucas, Justin Matthews, Frank Bolanos, Fabio Galoppi, and Lillian Afre.

- I. Approval of the June 22nd, 2021 AGA Foundation Board Meeting Minutes
M. Riedmiller made a motion to approve the June 22nd, 2021 board minutes, seconded by M. Spiegelman. The motion passed.
- II. Open for Public Comments (regarding agenda items) *
There were no public comments.
- III. Consent Agenda: Approval of Debt Forgiveness Transfer Between AGA Broward 6-12 (5791) & AGA Broward K5 (5015); Approval of Evaluation Tool for AGA Broward (5015) & (5791); Approval of Teacher Salary Increase Allocation
M. Riedmiller made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items; seconded by R. Legler. The motion passed.
- IV. Approval of June & July 2021 Monthly Financials for AGA Broward K5 (5015) & AGA Broward 6-12 (5791)
R. Legler made a motion to add the July 2021 Financials to the Agenda; seconded by M. Riedmiller. The motion passed.

R. Mestre presented the June & July 2020 financials, discussed the ending fund balances for both schools and advised that July expenses are higher than budget due to front load curriculum and technology expenses.
J. Matthews discussed the June 2021 financials and pointed out the combined schools bottom line improved to the good approximately half a million dollars over last year.

M. Riedmiller made a motion to approve the June & July 2021 Financials for AGA Broward K5 (5015) & AGA Broward 6-12 (5791), seconded by M. Spiegleman. The motion passed.

V. Approval of School Grades Opt Out for AGA Broward K5 (5015) & AGA Broward 6-12 (5791)

A.Valdes presented test results for 5791 received 50% of total possible points.

J. Rivera for 5015 received 48% of total possible points.

M. Riedmiller made a motion to approve the Schools Grades Opt Out; seconded by R. Legler. The motion passed.

VI. School Rating: Discuss How Online Sites Rate the Schools

F. Galoppi shared with the board current online sites that are being monitored and updated, also discussed what items can and will be updated on Greatschools.org.

VII. School Reports

A.Valdes shared with the board the Lighthouse Recognition Certification received as well as the Fred E. Rozelle Sportsmanship Award. Partnership with Microsoft, they will send a person starting in September to work with the teachers for computer science and gaming. Football team won their 1st game 27-0.

J. Valdes shared Third grade ELA FSA scores, 70% met criteria for promotion and 40% met proficiency criteria.

S. Walker reported on enrollment K-5 977, 6-12 1076. Esser II funds will be available in November and American Relief Fund upcoming. Currently need 6 teachers.

M. Riedmiller asked what sites we currently use to hire. L.Afre advised the school uses Indeed. M. Spiegelman recommended using LinkedIn and R. Legler suggested Florida Education Association.

VIII. Old Business

There was no old business.

IX. New Business

Next board meeting date changed from September 22 to October 25, 2021

M. Riedmiller asked about the school air conditioning filtration.

R. Legler recommended using Merv13 filters.

X. Board Member Comments

There were no board member comments.

M. Riedmiller made a motion to adjourn, seconded by R.Legler. The meeting was adjourned at 5:21 pm.