

MEETING MINUTES

Name of Foundation: Renaissance Charter School, Inc.
Board Meeting: February 7, 2014
School(s):

Duval Charter School at Arlington	Renaissance Charter Middle School
Duval Charter School at Bay Meadows	Renaissance Charter School at Chickasaw Trail
Duval Charter High School	Renaissance Charter School at Cooper City
Duval Charter School at Westside	Renaissance Charter School at Coral Springs
Governors Charter Academy	Renaissance Charter School at Hunters Creek
Hollywood Academy of Arts & Sciences	Renaissance Charter School at Palms West
Hollywood Academy of Arts & Sciences MS	Renaissance Charter School at Plantation
iVirtual League Academy	Renaissance Charter School at Poinciana
Keys Gate Charter High School	Renaissance Charter School at St Lucie
North Broward Academy of Excellence	Renaissance Charter School at Summit
North Broward Academy of Excellence MS	Renaissance Charter School at Tradition
Renaissance Elementary Charter School	Renaissance Charter School at University
	Renaissance Charter School at West Palm Beach

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Date:	Start	End	Next Meeting:	Next time:	Prepared by:
02.09.2014	11:50 AM	12:51 PM	03.07.2014	11:30AM	M. Schrader
Meeting Location:					
Renaissance Elementary Charter School 10651 NW 19 Street, Miami, FL 33172					
Attended by:					
BOARD MEMBERS Ken Haiko, Chairman Dennis Clark, Vice Chairman Thomas Wheeler, Director John O'Brien, Director Absent: Peggy Wells, Treasurer			OTHER ATTENDEES: Melissa Schrader, Governing Board Coordinator, CSUSA Ivette Johnson, Curriculum Specialist, CSUSA Jeremy Serna, Mgr. of Performance Analysis, CSUSA Keisha Smith, Director of Board Governance, CSUSA Rachel Windler-Freitag, Director of Innovations, CSUSA Richard Ross, Sr. Financial Analyst, CSUSA Tikkitra Mizell, Financial Analyst, CSUSA Stacey-Ann Bailey, Financial Analyst, CSUSA Myrna Laine-Hyppolite, Sr. Director of FP&A Ed Pozzuoli, Esq., Tripp Scott April Williams, Regional Director, CSUSA Dr. Ashlee Wood, Principal, iVLA Michelle Thompson, Principal in Training, DCSA Teresa Brown, Principal, DCSB, DCHS Jennifer Whitford, Principal, DCSW Adriane Peters, Principal, GOV Donte Fulton-Collins, Principal, HAAS & HAASMS Dianna Sierra, Asst. Principal, NBAE & NBAEMS Ana Cordal, Principal, RECS & RMCS Nate Mariano, Principal, CHIC Daniel Verdier, Principal, COOP Mark Hage, Principal, RCSCS Vanessa Suarez, Principal, HUNT Sharon Brannon, Principal, PALM Lori Butler, Principal, RCSP Jodi Evans, Principal, POIN Chandra Glenn-Phillips, Principal, RCSSL Arelis Cardona-Hilaire, Principal, SUMM Stacy Schmidt, Principal, TRAD LaShonda White, Principal, UNIV Donna Paolini, Principal, WEST Corinne Baez, Principal, KGCHS		

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to public notice, the parent facilitator meeting commenced at 11:50 a.m. with a Call to Order by Chairman Haiko. Roll call was taken and quorum was established.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE

Approval of Minutes from January 9, 2014

- Chairman Haiko asked the Board to review the minutes from January 9, 2014 and note any changes. The minutes stand.

ACTION: Motion made by Dennis Clark with a second by Thomas Wheeler to approve the Minutes from January 9, 2014. The motion was approved 3-0 (1 absent).

II. FINANCE

FY14 Q2

- Richard Ross presented the FY14 Q2 Review for all RECS schools including RECS, NBAE, NBAEMS, RCSSL, DCSA, HAAS, HAASMS, DCSB, DCHS, RCSCS, HUNT, PALM, SUMM, TRAD, DCSW, IVLA, RCMS, UNIV, RCSP, COOP, CHIC, GOV, POIN and WEST.

ACTION: Motion made by John O'Brien with a second by Thomas Wheeler to approve the FY14 Q2 Financials for RECS, NBAE, NBAEMS, RCSSL, DCSA, HAAS, HAASMS, DCSB, DCHS, RCSCS, HUNT, PALM, SUMM, TRAD, DCSW, IVLA, RCMS, UNIV, RCSP, COOP, CHIC, GOV, POIN and WEST. The motion was approved 3-0 (1 absent).

III. OLD BUSINESS

- No Old Business

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Policies on Charter Schools Discussion

- Board was provided a summary of the policies which included limits on the number and type of person who can attend applicant interviews; additional restrictions on appeals of charter denials; limiting people who can attend charter contract negotiations; allowing automatic terminations in certain circumstances; requiring certain evidence of sufficient demand; requiring written evidence that a majority of parents support proposed contract amendments and other policies that would inhibit or impact school operations.
- Thereafter the board moved to direct CSUSA and legal counsel to proceed with any political or legal action necessary including but not limited to the filing of a potential administrative claim against the Miami-Dade Public School board.

ACTION: Motion made by Dennis Clark with a second by Thomas Wheeler to direct CSUSA and legal counsel to proceed with any negotiations or legal action necessary including but not limited to the filing of a potential administrative claim against the Miami-Dade County Public School board. The motion was approved 3-0 (1 absent).

Closing of iVirtual League Academy

- Rachel Windler-Freitag introduced herself to the Board and stated that after much consideration by CSUSA, it has been determined that iVirtual will need to be closed pending Board approval.

- Ms. Windler-Freitag explained that CSUSA recommends the closure of the school due to the unique population of the area and its enrollment restrictions that are hindering the achievement of budgeted enrollment.
- Ms. Windler-Freitag further explained that if the Board approves the closure of IVLA, the school will continue the current school year through to the end.

ACTION: Motion made by Dennis Clark with a second by Thomas Wheeler to direct CSUSA to proceed with the closure of iVirtual League Academy. The motion was approved 3-0 (1 absent).

Education Team Update

- Ivette Johnson discussed what CSUSA is doing as a management company to help improve the under-performing schools (schools with a grade of C or below).
- Ms. Johnson stated that there have been extra “flash reports” for the Executive Team to track enrollment, any staffing fluctuations, etc.
- Ms. Johnson reported that weekly action planning is in constant review also.
- Ms. Johnson stated that the curriculum specialists are targeting schools in need of extra support.
- Ms. Johnson reviewed the recent QUEST slide for TRAD, WEST and CHIC.
- The Board thanked her for her reports.

ESOL / Out of Field Waivers / Agreement to Earn Forms

- Ms. Schrader read the names of the teachers who are currently teaching out of field / ESOL / Agreement to Earn Forms for approval.

ACTION: Motion made by Thomas Wheeler with a second by Dennis Clark to approve the ESOL, Out of Field Waivers and Agreement to Earn Forms. The motion was approved 3-0 (1 absent).

Mid-Year Survey Results

- Jeremy Serna introduced himself to the Board and reviewed the Mid-Year 2013-2014 Parent and Staff Survey Results and discussed the Survey Administration reporting timeline, survey research criteria, survey categories and school level factors.
- April Williams reported the results for both Parent and Staff Surveys.
- The Board requested that the survey results indicate enrollment and percent of participation. Mr. Serna stated that he will include that data on the next survey result presentation.

V. SCHOOL REPORTS

Mr. Haiko informed the meeting attendees that the Board would like to hear from approximately one-third (1/3) of the schools per meeting beginning with the schools that are underperforming with a school grade of a C or below. Mr. Haiko also stated he would like to hear an Action Plan from each school at a C or below as to how the school plans on improving student learning and the school grade. Mr. Haiko also requested this progress report from the underperforming schools for each upcoming meeting.

iVirtual League Academy

- Principal, Ashley Wood reported current enrollment of 14 to the Board.
- Principal Wood reported the recent leadership training and leading edge update.
- Principal Wood reported significant school, PTO and community activities.

Renaissance Charter School at Cooper City

- Principal, Daniel Verdier reported current enrollment of 1081 to the Board.
- Principal Verdier reported the recent leadership training and leading edge update.
- Principal Verdier reported significant school, PTO and community activities.

Renaissance Charter School at Coral Springs

- Principal, Mark Hage reported current enrollment of 1388 to the Board.
- Principal Hage reported the recent leadership training and leading edge update.
- Principal Hage reported significant school, PTO and community activities.

Renaissance Charter School at Plantation

- Principal, Lori Butler reported current enrollment of 885 to the Board.
- Principal Butler reported the recent leadership training and leading edge update.
- Principal Butler reported significant school, PTO and community activities.

Renaissance Elementary and Middle Charter School

- Principal, Ana Cordal reported current enrollment of 915 for RECS and 452 for RMCS to the Board.
 - Principal Cordal reported the recent leadership training and leading edge update.
 - Principal Cordal reported significant school, PTO and community activities.
- Chairman Haiko thanked all the principals who gave reports.
 - Chairman Haiko thanked the remaining principals who supplied the meeting packet with their monthly school report and asked the Board members if they had any questions or comments. None heard.

VI. OPEN FORUM

- Chairman Haiko gave opportunity for anyone attending the meeting to make an announcement for Open Forum. None Heard.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Motion made by John O'Brien with a second by Dennis Clark to adjourn the January 9, 2014 Renaissance Charter School, Inc. Governing Board meeting. The motion was approved 3-0 (1 absent).


Ken Haiko, Chairman

Date: 3-6-14