# MEETING MINUTES

Name of Foundation:

Renaissance Charter School, Inc.

**Board Meeting:** 

May 8, 2014

School(s):

**Duval Charter School at Arlington** 

Duval Charter School at Bay Meadows

Duval Charter High School

Duval Charter School at Westside

Governors Charter Academy

Hollywood Academy of Arts & Sciences

Hollywood Academy of Arts & Sciences MS

iVirtual League Academy

Keys Gate Charter High School

North Broward Academy of Excellence

North Broward Academy of Excellence MS

Renaissance Elementary Charter School

Renaissance Charter Middle School

Renaissance Charter School at Chickasaw Trail

Renaissance Charter School at Cooper City

Renaissance Charter School at Coral Springs

Renaissance Charter School at Hunters Creek

Renaissance Charter School at Palms West

Renaissance Charter School at Plantation

Renaissance Charter School at Poinciana

Renaissance Charter School at St Lucie

Renaissance Charter School at Summit

Renaissance Charter School at Tradition

Renaissance Charter School at University

Renaissance Charter School at West Palm Beach

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brief summary of the events of the meeting.

Date:	Start	End	Next Meeting:	Next time:	Prepared by:	
05.08.2014	9:02 AM	10:12 AM	TBD	TBD	M. Schrader	

#### Meeting Location:

Renaissance Charter School at Hunters Creek, 4140 Town Center Blvd, Hunters Creek, FL 32837

#### Attended by:

#### **BOARD MEMBERS**

Ken Haiko, Chairman Dennis Clark, Vice Chairman John O'Brien, Director

#### Absent:

Thomas Wheeler, Director Peggy Wells, Treasurer

#### OTHER ATTENDEES:

Melissa Schrader, Governing Board Coordinator, CSUSA Keisha Smith, Director of Board Governance, CSUSA April Williams, Regional Director, CSUSA David McKnight, Regional Director, CSUSA Richard Ross, Sr. Financial Analyst, CSUSA Stacy-Ann Bailey, Financial Analyst, CUSSA Tikkitra Mizell, Financial Analyst, CSUSA Dr. Meredith Ross, Education Data Analyst, CSUSA Krista Holycross, Regional Curriculum Specialist, CSUSA Dr. Ashlee Wood, Principal, iVLA Michelle Thompson, Principal in Training, DCSA Teresa Brown, Principal, DCSB, DCHS Jennifer Whitford, Principal, DCSW Dr. Adriane Peters, Principal, GOV Donte Fulton-Collins, Principal, HAAS & HAASMS Jackson Self, Principal, NBAE & NBAEMS Ana Cordal, Principal, RECS & RMCS Nate Mariano, Principal, CHIC Daniel Verdier, Principal, COOP Mark Hage, Principal, RCSCS Donald Richardson, Asst. 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 Nick Bardoni, Asst. Principal, UNIV Donna Paolini, Principal, WEST

Corinne Baez, Principal In Training, KGCHS Levi Williams, Esq., Board Attorney Eve Karamat, Orange LGC Board Member

#### CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to public notice, the meeting commenced at 9:02 a.m. with a Call to Order by Chairman Haiko. Roll call was taken and quorum was established.

### I. ADMINISTRATIVE

### Approval of Minutes from March 6, 2014

• Chairman Haiko asked the Board to review the minutes from March 6, 2014 and note any changes. The minutes stand.

ACTION: Motion made by Dennis Clark with a second by John O'Brien to approve the Minutes from March 6, 2014. The motion was approved 3-0 (2 absent).

### Approval of Minutes from April 22, 2014 Special Meeting

Chairman Haiko asked the Board to review the minutes from April 22, 2014
Special Meeting and note any changes. The minutes stand.

ACTION: Motion made by Dennis Clark with a second by John O'Brien to approve the Special Meeting Minutes from April 22, 2014. The motion was approved 3-0 (2 absent).

### Review of Notes from April 22, 2014

• Chairman Haiko stated that the April 22, 2014 Budget Workshop Notes are for review only and do not need to be approved as quorum was not required for that workshop.

#### II. FINANCE

## FY14 Q3

- Richard Ross reported the FY14 Q3 Financials for DCHS, DCSA, DCSB, DCSW, GOV, HAAS, HAAMS, IVLA, KGCHS, NBAE, NBAEMS, CHIC, COOP, HUNT, PALM, POIN, RECS, RCSP, RCSCS, RCSSL, RMCS, SUMM, TRAD, UNIV and WEST.
- Chairman Haiko inquired what is being done to increase enrollment for the next school year.
- The Board asked CSUSA what percent of students in each school qualify for free and reduced lunch, and which schools are designated as Title One.
- The Board asked what percentage of the total revenue represents the fund balance.
- Melissa Schrader stated that she would follow up at a later date for all three of those items.

ACTION: Motion made by Dennis Clark with a second by John O'Brien to approve the FY14 Q3 Financials for DCHS, DCSA, DCSB, DCSW, GOV, HAAS, HAAMS, IVLA, KGCHS, NBAE, NBAEMS, CHIC, COOP, HUNT, PALM, POIN, RECS, RCSP, RCSCS, RCSSL, RMCS, SUMM, TRAD, UNIV and WEST. The motion was approved 3-0 (2 absent).

#### III. OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

### IV. NEW BUSINESS

### Benchmark 3 Results

 Dr. Meredith Ross reviewed the Benchmark 3 results for DCHS, DCSA, DCSB, DCSW, GOV, HAAS, HAAMS, IVLA, KGCHS, NBAE, NBAEMS, CHIC, COOP, HUNT, PALM, POIN, RECS, RCSP, RCSCS, RCSSL, RMCS, SUMM, TRAD, UNIV and WEST.

### **Education Team Updates**

- Krista Holycross introduced herself to the Board and discussed what CSUSA is doing as a management company to help improve the under-performing schools (schools with a grade of C or below).
- Mrs. Holycross stated that there have been extra "flash reports" for the Executive Team to track enrollment, any staffing fluctuations, etc.
- Mrs. Holycross reported that weekly action planning is also in constant review and the curriculum specialists are targeting schools in need of extra support.
- Mrs. Holycross reviewed the recent QUEST slides for HAAS, NBAE, DCSA, DCSB DCHS, KGCHS, RECS, RCSSL and RMCS.
- The Board thanked her for her reports.

## **ESOL Waiver Approval**

• Melissa Schrader read the names of the teachers who are currently teaching out of field / ESOL / Agreement to Earn Forms requiring board approval.

ACTION: Motion made by John O'Brien with a second by Dennis Clark to approve the ESOL, Out of Field and Agreement to Earn forms. The motion was approved 3-0 (2 absent).

### V. SCHOOL REPORTS

Chairman 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.

### Renaissance Charter School at Cooper City

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

## Renaissance Charter School at Coral Springs

- Principal, Mark Hage reported current enrollment of 1376 to the Board.
- Principal Hage reported the recent leadership training and leading edge update and significant school, PTO and community activities.

### Renaissance Charter School at Plantation

- Principal, Lori Butler reported current enrollment of 864 to the Board.
- Principal Butler reported the recent leadership training and leading edge update and significant school, PTO and community activities.

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- Principal Ana Cordal reported current enrollment of 907 to the Board.
- Principal Cordal reported the recent leadership training and leading edge update and significant school, PTO and community activities.

## Renaissance Charter Middle School

- Principal Ana Cordal reported current enrollment of 448 to the Board.
- Principal Cordal reported the recent leadership training and leading edge update and significant school, PTO and community activities.

## IVirtual League Academy

- Principal, Ashlee Wood reported current enrollment of 14 to the Board and stated they would finish out the current school year before closing.
- 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. PUBLIC COMMENTS

• Chairman Haiko asked if anyone attending the meeting had any business or announcements to bring before the Board. None heard.

# VII. ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Motion made by Dennis Clark with a second by John O'Brien to adjourn the May 8, 2014 Renaissance Charter School, Inc. Governing Board meeting. The motion was approved 3-0 (2 absent).

Ken Haiko, Chairman

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