



Minutes of Board Meeting  
April 19, 2016  
6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Janice Jones at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was held at the Lakeland Achievement Academy. Members in attendance were Steve Earley, Mark Miller, Casey Compton, Brad Johnson, Rich Loomis, Janice Jones, Jeanne Hebert, Sam Johnson, Michael Peeples, Jamie Sturgill and Sam Houghton. Staff members present were Cindi Parker-Pearson, John Burton, Mary Holjes and Deborah Sulsona.

**Approval of Minutes**

Sam H. made a motion to approve the March 15, 2016 minutes. Casey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**Resource Parent Report**

We are offering two upcoming workshops to be held at Achievement Academy:

1. Positive Behavior Supports
2. Potty Training

The Rise & Shine Walk is scheduled for May 21 at First Presbyterian Church. Registration will be at 8:30am and the walk will begin at 9:00am.

The yearbook has been completed and will be for sale when we receive them.

The parents group is doing a staff appreciation week the first week of May.

We are having our annual Legoland field trip for students June 16.

**Treasurer's Report**

Deborah presented a summary of the March 31, 2016 in-house financial statements. Overall, we had net increase of \$181,754. Deborah reminded the board that we do not receive a check from the school board in June so we need a surplus to cover that month. Currently we are better than budget for our year-to-date net increase.

We received our April FTE check today and with being able to count the student (for half a year) that wasn't counted in October and also some changes in student matrix numbers, our overall annual FTE funding increased by \$50,000.

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### **Development Report**

Holly Parrish with HP Solutions is working on our development audit. We may need to reschedule our May board meeting so that she can attend to give the results of the audit. Brad Johnson's wife is voluntarily assisting Holly however she is not being compensated.

Our Top Chef of Polk County event was held last night and was a great time for all who attended. The event was run efficiently to cut back on time and everything flowed well. The parent speaker, Bobby Tala, gave a great testimony. Thank you to Janice and Steve Jones for picking up the entire "Teacher and Birth to Three Wish List" that was up for auction. If you visit any of the participating restaurants please let the chef know you are thankful for their participation.

We have Emerge Lakeland coming for a tour in Lakeland tomorrow.

### **Principal's Report**

Cindi has completed all teacher evaluations. The remaining staff evaluations have begun.

We currently have 47 students graduating. Classroom placement meetings are tomorrow for Lakeland and Thursday for Bartow and Winter Haven.

Graduation celebrations have been scheduled for:

Tuesday, May 31 – Winter Haven, 6-7pm

Thursday, June 2 – Bartow, 6-7pm

Tuesday, June 7 – Lakeland, 6-7:30pm

The last day of school for students is June 9.

### **Executive Director's Report**

Rich Loomis, parent representative, has a group of volunteers from Pepsi Bottling Co to paint the Bartow building. A former parent has pressure washed the building and done some minor repairs. He will also apply a sealant before the painting begins.

We submitted a couple of projects for United Way's Day of Caring. Vogel Brothers has picked up our drainage project in Lakeland. They will be here on Friday, April 22. Thank you to Steve Earley for leading this project for us.

The Birth to Three program had the United Way Community Investment Team visit last week. We had no prior questions from the team to address and our presentation went well. We requested \$245,000 this year and will find out our allocation on July 1.

Leadership Lakeland came for a tour last week.

### **Unfinished Business**

The Executive Committee is still not comfortable with the lengthy and complicated contract from Gardner Capital and has moved to have Sam Houghton together with Sam Crosby to draft a Florida Association of Realtors standard contract with our terms. Brad seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. Sam H. amended the motion to grant the Executive Committee the authority to approve the contract to send to Gardner Capital. Brad seconded the amendment and it was approved unanimously.

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**New Business**

None

Respectfully Submitted,

*Deborah Sulsona*

Administrative Services Manager

**Upcoming Dates**

**May 9, 2016 – Executive Committee meeting – Lakeland school – 4:00pm**

**May 17, 2016 – Board Meeting – Lakeland school – 6:00pm**

**May 21, 2016 – Rise & Shine Walk – First Presbyterian Church – 8:30am**

**May 31, 2016 – Graduation Celebration – Winter Haven school – 6:00pm**

**June 2, 2016 – Graduation Celebration – Bartow school – 6:00pm**

**June 7, 2016 – Graduation Celebration – Lakeland school – 6:00pm**