

**Meeting of the Board of Directors
Connections Education Center of the Palm Beaches
Thursday, April 20, 2017
Held at CECPB**

**Directors in Attendance:
Stephen Padula, Elinor Siklossy, Sonia Kay, Scott Strochak,
Orlando Ortiz**

**Absent:
Luca Caron**

**Also Present:
Debra Johnson, Jason Portman, Michelle Wolke, Donna Stegall,
Stephanie Tooker, Ellen White, Charleen Decort, Bill Hunter CPA,
Christy Simmons CPA, P.J. Lang PJ Lang Associates, Larry
Rosenzweig, PJ Lang Associates, Michael DePersio, Tracey Sruggs,
Melissa Carman, Beth Potter, Clarence Turner, Richard Luke, Frank
Fausone, Bruce Robbins, Magnolia Miller, Robert Gardner**

Steve called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m.

**Scott moved to approve the minutes from March 17, 2017 and
Sonia seconded**

New Business

**Debi spoke about the Strategic Plan for CECPB.
P.J. from PJ Lang and Associates spoke about developing Strategic
Development Plan. Larry Rosenzweig, also from PJ Lang and
Associates spoke with P.J. about the capacity to raise funds,
expanding and developing the Board to maximize it's potential, a
Marketing program, P.R., reviewing and expanding a data base of
potential Donors, Donor recognition, Events and a Signature Event.
P.J. also spoke about a committee to work on Events, potential
Honorees', Major Gifts, Donor's interests verses the school's needs,
Rolls of Parents and Staff, Live Video, Case Statement, an Annual
Appeal, Endowments, and Stewardship (thank you's). P.J. suggested
reading "The Ask", by Laura Steward.**

Scott moved to approve the hiring of P.J. Lang and Associates, Steve seconded. The Board unanimously voted to approve the hiring.

Hunter and Simmons, Accounting for Charter Schools

Bill Hunter CPA and Christy Simmons CPA, from the Accounting Firm of Hunter and Simmons came to speak about their rolls as Accountants for Charter Schools.

They do financial reports, and know how to deal with Special Funds, Grants, IDEA money, and Title One funds.

They explained that the State and School District have some different ways of reporting. A Budget Committee was recommended. Actual numbers for FTE's are October and February. Bill spoke of Best Practices. Christy and Bill explained the process of picking an Auditor and then submitting the Audit to the District September 30, 2017

Treasurer's Report

Jason explained that the Actuals verses the Bank Statements were reconciled. He explained that under Transportation the cost difference is because the Bus Driver was not budgeted for.

Steve moved to approve the Budget and Scott seconded.

Principal's Report

Debi discussed that the summer program is being handled differently because of the move. There will be 2 extra weeks of school immediately when the school year ends. Debi spoke about the Afterschool Tutoring program which is going well. She spoke about the possibilities of providing services afterschool through Medicaid. Graduation is May 22, 2017.

Connections High School and Vocational Center has gone from 6 registered to 12 registered. Debi talked about capping it between 16 to 18 students. The Parents must apply for the McKay Scholarship. We will help them if they need it.

Old Business

The decision has been made to go forward with the Marine Drive Building. Steve will petition to have the taxes lowered. P.J. stated that we could have a "Raise the Roof" or "A Hard Hat" party. Jason stated the Council for Jewish Education, CJE, is interested in possibly renting space from us and also in having joint endeavors. The idea of having Board Meeting, once a quarter at CECPB so that the parents and staff as well as other interested parties could attend.

Steve adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m. and Scott seconded.

Susan F. Kay

Minutes Approved, Signature

Treasurer

Board Position

6/27/17

Date