

Board Meeting



Date: September 21st, 2023	Meeting Time: 6:03 PM	Location: Virtual Meeting Via Zoom/In Person
Meeting called by	Sonia Kay	
Board Members Present	Jay Huebner, Valerie Silverman, Orlando Ortiz, Steve Padula, Michael Kridel, Tony Green	
Board Members Absent	Eleanor Siklossy, Nancy DiPierro, Allison Delspeche	
Notetaker	Sonia Kay, Nadine Fagan; Recorded by Zoom	
Other Attendees	Debra Johnson, Jason Portman, Nadine Fagan, Melissa Carman	
Public/Board Comments		
	Welcome to the 8 th Annual Meeting of Connections! Thanks to Valerie & Debi for setting up our recent retreat for board members.	
Board Minutes		
Presenter: Sonia Kay	Discussion: Approval of Board Minutes August 18th, 2023	
Date of Minutes Reviewing:	August 18th, 2023	
Amendments made:	None	
Motion Made by:	Michael Kridel	
Motion Second by:	Steve Padula	
Discussion/Question:	None	
Treasurer's Report		
Presenter: Jason Portman	Screen share of Budget Vs Actual, GASB, and other documents sent by email	
	Close to settling the past referendum money on October 5 th .	
Audit		
Presenter: Jason Portman	Discussion: Finalization of this year's audit and vote.	
Motion To Approve	Michael Kridel	

Motion Second :	Stephen Padula
Discussion/Question:	None, Motion passed.
Budget Amendment	
Presenter: Jason Portman	Discussion: Approval FY23 Budget Amendment - financials adjustment for our lease liability and rent; Employee Retention Credit
Motion To Approve:	Michael Kridel
Motion Second:	Jay Hubener
Discussion/Question:	None, Motion passed.
Board Slate	
Presenter: Sonia Kay	Discussion: Voting on Slate for FY24 Sonia Kay – Chair President, Michael Kridel- Treasurer, Ellinor Siklossy-Secretary
Motion To Accept:	Steve Padula
Motion Second:	Orlando Ortiz
Discussion/Question:	None, Motion passed.
Parent Representative	
Presenter: Sonia Kay	Discussion: Voting on Parent Representative Nominee: Allison Delspeche
Motion Made By:	Valerie Silverman
Motion Second By:	Jay Hubener
Discussion/Question:	None, Motion passed.
Principal's Report	
Presenter: Debi Johnson	Principal Report on Screen
	<p>Enrollment: 89; at 90 by January</p> <p>FTE: starts first 2 weeks of October</p> <p>Staffing: looking for 2 paras, 1 teacher, Swim Instructors</p> <p>Title 1</p> <p>Annual Meeting and Family Dinner is October 9th. The older students will make and serve the dinner.</p> <p>Tutoring has started.</p> <p>Parent and Staff training will be held in October.</p>

	<p>School Wide Plan Summary, School-Parent Compact, and Parent Family Engagement Plan Summary are all posted on the website.</p> <p>PB Illustrated 2023 Education Awards – Won for Institutional Excellence</p> <p>PB Food Bank- has started for families and staff with high participation.</p> <p>Teacher Salary Allocation Plan</p> <p>Updated the template used; was approved last meeting.</p>
Out-Of-Field Teachers	
Presenter: Debra Johnson	Discussion: Vote on approving out-of-field teachers. List on Principal's Report.
Motion To Approve:	Jay Hubener
Motion Second:	Michael Kridel
Discussion/Question:	None, Motion passed.
Employee Evaluation System FY24	
Presenter: Debra Johnson	Discussion: Florida Consortium of Charter Schools Evaluation System; Review and vote.
Motion to Approve:	Steve Padula
Motion Second:	Valerie Silverman
Discussion/Question:	None, Motion passed.
Summary of Charter School	
Presented By: Melissa Carmen	
	<p>88 Students/68 Staff</p> <p>All students are utilizing ULS and have improved in pre/post-testing. We are a "Commendable" rated school; the only ESE center school to hold that distinction! All students have improved on their standardized testing scores.</p> <p>Students returned to Kravis and Community-based instruction which included visits to the Pumpkin Patch, and Dolphin Island Care. Florida Panthers Hockey Clinic was held at the school again. We partnered with PGA for planters for each class, partnered with La Posada for student/resident interactions, and students received music classes through a grant.</p>
Fundraising/Marketing Update	
Jason/Debi/Soni	

	<p>Playground: Moved into fabrication</p> <p>Bike Buddy: came and demonstrated various bikes for both the students and staff. We would like to start a bike program hopefully with a grant.</p> <p>Gala: Save the Date for the Gala has gone out.</p> <p>Grants/Donations: Debi presented summary of grants won, donations, and pending & future grant applications.</p> <p>Upcoming Events</p> <p>PGA Women’s Golf Association Tournament-April 18th, 2024</p> <p>Evelyn & Arthur Shopping Event-November 12, 2023</p> <p>PGA Butcher Block Event- October 20, 2023</p> <p>Swank Farms- February 4th, 2024</p>
Facilities	
Presented by: Jason Portman	
	<p>Facility Improvement Plan</p> <p>Went over current issues, delays, and projected timeline.</p>
Advancement Committee	
Valerie Silverman	
	<p>Corporate Sponsors: Searcy Denney became a sponsor.</p> <p>-Positive response to the retreat and information imparted</p>
Old Business	
	<p>Task force for building</p> <p>Have a few parent volunteers; we need others within the community.</p> <p>Tony G. has developed a building template for us to utilize.</p>
Motion for Adjournment	07:09 PM
Motion Made By:	Jay Huebner
Motion Seconded By:	Valerie Silverman
Discussion/Question:	None. Motion passed.
Calendar	
Next Board Meeting:	Zoom Meeting October 20th at 9:00 am
Minutes Approved	
Board Member:	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <div style="text-align: right;"> Date: 10/20/2023 </div> </div>