



RISING LEADERS ACADEMY

Governing Board Minutes – Jan 16, 2014

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

A public meeting of the Governing Board was called to order by Dr. Eren Ozgen, President, at 6:05 p.m.

Other Board members present included: Mr. Osama Albibi, Dr. Ahmed Baker, and Dr. Ahmed Rezk, Mr. Todd Zaboriski.

Administrative staff present: Mrs. Suha Jaber, Principal

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of September 18, 2013 and Financial statements by Mr. Garry Scott on November 6, 2013 were unanimously approved by the Board.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. Suha Jaber presented a powerpoint with the following information:

Enrollment:

Current enrollment: 93 students in grades K – 5. Average in K – 3: 18 (Full capacity), average in grades 4 – 5: 10

Open enrollment for 2014 – 2015: Expectation 108 students in grades K – 6.

Open registration for 2014 – 2015: January 20, deadline to apply online: February 28, 2014

External Services:

- Expeditionary Learning
 - Requested a more experienced EL Designer
 - Original EL Designer, Angela Joliffe, will provide PD services to RLA in the meantime

- More STEM PD
 - Sending staff off-sight for PD
 - Looking for on-sight PD
- Interested in “The Leader in Me”
 - By FranklinCovey, which is a global company specializing in leadership, to provide our students with more leadership opportunities

RLA SAC

Rising Leaders Academy School Advisory Council

Purpose:

- To bring about continuous improvement
- To develop a School Improvement Plan
- To promote and support greater interaction between the school and community
- Consult with stakeholders who are responsible with the implementation of the SAC and provide support as needed and appropriate.

7 Member Total consisting of:

- 1 Administrator appointed by School Board
- 2 teachers voted by staff
- 2 parents voted by parents
- 1 student voted by students
- 1 Community Leader appointed by Principal, with recommendations by School Board (preferably from the District office, local business, chambers of commerce, community and civic organization, and the public at large).

Officers

- Chairperson: preside at all meeting

- Vice Chairperson: preside at meeting when Chairperson is absent.
- Secretary: keep minutes of the meetings, document SAC activities, decisions, and attendance.

RLA was contacted by Florida Department of Education (FDOE)

- FDOE was concerned with the high lease cost. They stated that most district charge \$1 per year and split cost of enhancement and maintenance. Bay District is currently charging RLA \$72,000 a year just for rent. In addition, RLA also pays all the utilities, which are around \$50,000 a year.
- FDOE informed RLA that we will NOT receive Capital Outlay if we are in a district facility because the district receives funds to maintain the facilities.
- FDOE recommend RLA renegotiate contract with Bay District Schools.

SUGGESTIONS FROM BOARD:

1. Board suggested that we need to renegotiate the contact with Bay District schools. They suggest we first contact the state and ask for the documentation of other districts that charge \$1 to present to Bay District Schools during the meeting. The high least cost is the priority at this time.

Action: Principal Suha Jaber will contact FDOE to request documentation.

2. Board suggested that SAC nominations take place by Feb 14 and a decision be made by Feb 28.

Action: Principal Suha Jaber will send an email to parents and teachers about nominations and voting.

3. President Eren Ozen requested a vision plan for K – 8.

Action: Principal Suha Jaber will present the vision plan during next meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENTS

An opportunity was provided for parents to ask questions and make comments and suggestions. No comments required any action.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.