



RISING LEADERS ACADEMY

Governing Board Minutes – March 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. Hatem Mourad, Dr. Ahmed Rezk, and Mr. Tarone Watley.

Administrative staff present: Mrs. Suha Jaber, Principal

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of Jan 16, 2014 were unanimously approved by the Board.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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

Enrollment:

OPEN ENROLLMENT
for 2014 – 2015

EXPECTATION:

108 STUDENTS IN GRADES K - 6

AVERAGE IN K – 3: 18 (FULL CAPACITY)

AVERAGE IN 4 – 6: 14

(Maximum capacity is 22)

ACTION SUGGESTIONS FROM LAST BOARD MEETING:

Suggestion # 1:

- Board suggested that SAC nominations take place by Feb 14 and a decision be made by Feb 28.
 - ACTION TAKEN:
 - RLA has formed a School Advisory Council (SAC). The purpose of the SAC is to be about continuous improvement. All parents and staff are welcome to attend and participate by sharing information, ideas, and comments.
 - Our first SAC meeting will be held on April 11 at 12pm.
 - Below are our SAC members:
 - Community Member: Mrs. Cynthia McClauley (Founder and Director of Chautauqua Learn and Serve Charter School)
 - Administrator: Mrs. Suha Jaber
 - Teachers: Ms. Gingi Elsagga and Mrs. Julia Arafa
 - Parents: Mrs. Shayma Salman and Mrs. Jody Meinel
 - Student: Loston Zaborski

Suggestion # 2:

- They suggest we first contact the state and ask for the documentation of other districts that charge \$0/1 to present to Bay District Schools during the meeting. The high least cost is the priority at this time.
 - ACTION TAKEN:
 - Principal contacted FDOE to request documentation. Documentation on next page:

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1	DISTRICTNAME	SCHOOLNAME	MORTGAGE_LEASE_AMOUNT	
2	COLLIER	MARCO ISLAND CHARTER MIDDLE	0	
3	DADE	SOUTH FLORIDA AUTISM CHARTER SCHOOL INC	0	
4	DADE	ACADEMY FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION CH	0	
5	ESCAMBIA	BYRNEVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, INC.	0	
6	FAU LAB STL	FAU/SLCSD PALM POINTE EDUCATIONAL RESEA	0	
7	FSU LAB LEON	FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL	0	
8	LAKE	SPRING CREEK CHARTER SCHOOL	0	
9	LAKE	MASCOTTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	0	
10	LAKE	ALTOONA SCHOOL	0	
11	LAKE	HUMANITIES AND FINE ARTS CHARTER SCHOOL	0	
12	LAKE	LAKE TECHNICAL CENTER	0	
13	LAKE	ROUND LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	0	
14	LAKE	MINNEOLA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	0	
15	MARION	FRANCIS MARION MILITARY ACADEMY	0	
16	MONROE	BIG PINE ACADEMY	0	
17	OSCEOLA	FOUR CORNERS CHARTER SCHOOL	0	
18	PALM BEACH	INLET GROVE COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL	0	
19	PALM BEACH	SOUTH TECH ACADEMY	0	
20	PALM BEACH	TOUSSAINT L'OUVERTURE HIGH	0	
21	POLK	DISCOVERY ACADEMY OF LAKE ALFRED	0	
22	POLK	JANIE HOWARD WILSON SCHOOL	0	
23	POLK	POLK AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	0	
24	POLK	MCKEEL ACADEMY OF TECHNOLOGY	0	
25	POLK	BERKLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	0	
26	POLK	RIDGEVIEW GLOBAL STUDIES ACADEMY	0	
27	POLK	HILLCREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	0	
28	POLK	LAKE WALES SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	0	
29	POLK	DALE R FAIR BABSON PARK ELEMENTARY	0	
30	POLK	COMPASS MIDDLE CHARTER SCHOOL	0	
31	ST. JOHNS	FIRST COAST TECHNICAL INSTITUTE	0	
32	VOLUSIA	THE CHILES ACADEMY	0	
33	PUTNAM	PUTNAM ACADEMY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES	1	
34	DADE	LATIN BUILDERS ASSOCIATION CONSTRUCTION	18,000	
35	MONROE	KEY WEST MONTESSORI CHARTER SCHOOL, IN	37,000	
36	SEMINOLE	GALILEO SCHOOL FOR GIFTED LEARNING	69,000	
37	BAY	RISING LEADERS ACADEMY	72,000	
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Suggestion # 3

- President Eren Ozen requested a vision plan for K – 8.
- Action: Principal Suha Jaber presented the vision plan below:

RLA ROADMAP FOR SUCCESS: OUR FIVE-YEAR PLAN

OUR VISION IS TO BE RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF THE BEST SCHOOLS IN FLORIDA THAT EMPOWERS STUDENTS TO BECOME RISING LEADERS, WHO ARE LIFELONG LEARNERS WITH EXCELLENT CHARACTER.

(2012) YEAR 1: K – 4, YEAR 2: K – 5, YEAR 3: K – 6, YEAR 4: K – 7, YEAR 5: K – 8 (2016)

	Our Goals	How we will meet our Goals
Charter school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Be the most sought after K-8 school in Bay County. - Achieve full enrollment 	Strengthen the RLA brand and raise awareness of the school's vision/mission. Increase appreciation for RLA's educational approach with internal stakeholders, where everyone is an ambassador. Celebrate wins! Inspire an appreciation of the differences in language, culture, custom, where we celebrate diversity. Increase and reinforce positive impressions with external stakeholders and prospective parents.
Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Foster life-long learning - Raise leaders with excellent character - Rank in top 5% of public Florida Schools 	<p>Meet individual learning needs of students to their maximum potential academic achievement. Expand students' capacity as powerful communicators utilizing technology. Heavy emphasis on character education and leadership skills.</p> <p>Develop world-class K-8 Spanish and Arabic language curriculum that enhance critical thinking skills. Integrate Expeditionary STEM education into classroom instruction.</p> <p>Recast media center as a hub for engaging students in literacy/research.</p>
Staff	Be a great place to work	Attract and retain the most qualified and committed staff who model the school's mission and principles. Provide competitive salary and benefits. Provide continuous professional development and support.
Finances	Maintain financial stability	Efficiently manage expenses. Create and implement a fund development plan that expands our revenue base. Pursue grants that complement RLA's goals.
Campus	A superior facility	Develop a comprehensive facility plan that maximizes instruction. Successfully obtain a permanent facility.

SUGGESTIONS/ACTIONS FROM BOARD:

1. Dr. Ozgen suggested that students are invited to attend SAC meeting too since a student representative is present.
2. Dr. Ozgen and Mr. Watley suggested that the goals should be specific and measurable.

3. Board suggested for advertisement for the school.
4. Board suggested to pursue grants.
5. Dr. Mourad suggested that groups like Boys Scouts can volunteer to build things around school.
6. Mr. Albibi suggested that Performance should be part of the vision plan.
7. Mr. Watley requested the Facility Contract to create a powerpoint presentation and discuss the contract during the next board 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.