



**Governance Board Meeting  
Online via Zoom  
1.24.22**

**Meeting called to order**

The meeting was held via Zoom online teleconference. Board Member James Rossman called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. Present were Board Members James Rossman, Beth McIntyre, Karl Langefeld, Kirsten Fisher, and James Ballard. Staff members Heather Rodriguez, Loretta Gallo-Lopez, Josephine Isenbergh, and Elisabeth Kraft were present. A quorum was met.

**Approval of Consent Agenda and Previous Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Ballard made a motion to approve the consent agenda, including the November 15, 2021, board meeting minutes and committee reports from December and January; seconded by Mr. Langefeld. Motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comment**

No members of public present; no public comment.

**Committee Reports**

Governance/Planning/Technology Committee

- Discussion centered on RSA Partners and taking a trip to Tallahassee to meet with legislators
- The upcoming lease negotiations were also discussed

Finance & Compensation Committee

- Mr. Ballard remarked that enrollment is the key consideration as the committee looks at other issues including staff bonuses and lease negotiations.
- Mr. Rossman mentioned the creation of an advisory enrollment committee for a fresh perspective

Marketing, Advocacy and Fundraising

- Enrollment was discussed at the committee meeting, including challenges and opportunities that exist
- Continuing postcard campaign to build on success
- Brief discussion regarding upcoming funding, including the Gala

**Old Business**

- No old business

**Action Items**

- Mr. Langefeld made a motion to approve the November 15 Board meeting minutes; seconded by Mr. Ballard. Motion passed.
- District financial reports for November 2021: motion made by Mr. Ballard and seconded by Dr. Fisher. Motion passed unanimously.

**New business**

- Administration is in the process of meeting with each of the Hillsborough School Board members individually via Zoom, and inviting each member to visit the school for a tour.
- Governance conference is available to members if they are interested in attending
- Letter submitted to Education Commissioner regarding recognition of Focus Academy as a high-performing school. Benefits include reducing the district fees from 5% to 2%, the ability to replicate the school in other areas, and the ability to modify existing charter with fewer requirements.

**Public Comment**

No public comment; no public attendees.

**Upcoming Events**

- Non-student day, Feb. 18; President's Day holiday, Feb. 21; Student talent show, March 3; Project Focus Gala, March 5.

**Adjournment**

Ms. McIntyre made moved to adjourn; Mr. Ballard seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

**Upcoming meetings:** March 21, 2022; April 4, 2022; May 17, 2022

Minutes taken and prepared by Heather Rodriguez, approved by Board vote and confirmed by signature below.

*JAMES M. ROSSMAN*

*CHAIR*

Print Name

Title

*James M. Rossman*

*MAR 18, 2022*

Signature

Date