



Governance Board Meeting 1.23.23

Meeting called to order

Board Chair James Rossman called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m. Present were Board Members James Ballard, Beth McIntyre, Doug Amoroso, Kirsten Fisher, and Karl Langefeld. Staff members Elisabeth Kraft, Josephine Isenbergh, Loretta Gallo-Lopez and Heather Rodriguez were present. A quorum was met.

Approval of Consent Agenda and Previous Meeting Minutes

Mr. Amoroso made a motion to approve the consent agenda, including committee reports; seconded by Mr. Langefeld. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Committee Reports

Governance/Planning/Technology Committee

- Discussion of the contract re-negotiation for the lease with Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, which is now complete.
- New lease also includes an out clause in case of purchase of property
- Will be reviewed by legal counsel

Finance & Compensation Committee

- Discussion of financials in relation to increased enrollment
- Discussion of goal setting for future acquisition of a property

Marketing, Advocacy and Fundraising

- Enrollment numbers are trending upward
- Direct mail campaign has been very successful, and will continue

Administration Report

- Board refresher courses: Mr. Ballard and Ms. Sotelo are required to renew their certifications
- Charter contract renewal with Hillsborough County School District: Date has been moved from January 24th to February 21st for HCPS Board vote.
- Foundation report: Main fundraiser/Gala is on hold for this year until Development/Fundraising position is filled. Two committees are actively planning for the next step. Special meeting proposed between the Foundation board and the Focus Academy board to discuss potential collaboration on shared goals. Ms. Isenbergh will coordinate the meeting.
- HCPS Board member meetings: Administration has been meeting individually with the HCPS Board members.

Old Business

- No old business

Action Items

- Approval of Board Minutes for November 14, 2022, and January 13, 2023, meetings: Mr. Langefeld made a motion to approve, Ms. McIntyre seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Approval of financial report for the District: Ms. McIntyre made a motion, Mr. Langefeld seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Teacher Out of Field Letters: Ms. Robin Carbonell is teaching out of field for Elementary Education K-6, and Ms. Megan Cusack is out of field assignment for Reading Endorsement. Ms. McIntyre made a motion to approve, Mr. Amoroso seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

◦ Approval of Focus Academy school calendar for 2023-24: Mr. Amoroso made a motion to approve; Mr. Ballard seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

New business

◦ No new business.

Public Comment

No public comment.

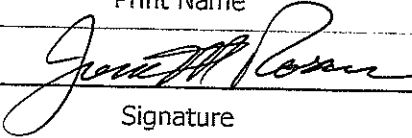
Upcoming events: Senior Parent Transition meeting, February 8; non-student day, February 17; non-student day, March 6; Spring Break, March 13-17.

Adjournment

Mr. Ballard made moved to adjourn; Dr. Fisher seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Upcoming meetings: March 20, 2023; May 15, 2023; June 26, 2023.

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

<u>JAMES M. ROSSMAN</u>	<u>CHAIR</u>
Print Name	Title
<u></u>	<u>3/20/23</u>
Signature	Date