

MEETING MINUTES

Board: Scintilla Charter Academy
Board Meeting: November 19, 2015

School(s): Scintilla Charter Academy

The minutes of Sunshine Law meetings need not be verbatim transcripts of the meeting. These minutes are a brief summary of the events of the meeting.

Date:	Start	End	Next Meeting:	Next time:	Prepared by:
November 19, 2015	6:10 pm	8:40 pm	December 17, 2015	6:00 PM	J. Denham
Meeting Location:					
2171 East Park Ave., Valdosta, GA 31602					

Attended by:	
Jerry Jennett Jeremy Baker Eric Tillman Enid Santana Zachary Cowart Garrett Copeland	Cass Robinson, Inspire Educators/Founding Leader Mandy Avera, Dean of Students & School Support Julie Hiers, Principal Jennifer Denham, Communications Manager Lauren Baker, 2 nd Grade Teacher Others: Rusty Griffin Lars Leader Creation Devine, Parent & After School Program Director Joe Adgie, Valdosta Daily Times
Highlights:	

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to public notice, the meeting commenced at 6:05 P.M.

I. Administrative Functions

- Approve Minutes from September 27 meeting
 - Motion was made by Jeremy Baker, second by Jerry Jennett, the motion passed with a unanimous vote.
- Approve Minutes from October 29 meeting
 - Motion was made by Enid Santana, second by Eric Tillman, the motion passed with a unanimous vote.
- Approve Agenda for November 19 meeting
 - Motion was made by Jeremy Baker, second by Jerry Jennett, the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

II. School Related Reports

- Student Enrollment Update: Mandy Avera shared the current school enrollment numbers 391 students — 85 in kindergarten, 78 in first grade, 79 in second grade, 75 in third grade and 74 in fourth grade.
- Standards Based Report Card: Mandy Avera made the board members aware of the use and development of the Standards Based Report Cards. She informed the board that the report cards are more work for the teachers, but will allow parents to see a very clear picture of where their scholar stands and what standards they are meeting and what standards may need extra attention. Lauren Baker, second grade teacher, also commented that teachers like the format and although they're a little more time-consuming than the regular report card, they give parents lots of information, and teachers are excited about that.
- Nutrition Update: Jennifer Denham updated the board on the work being done to get SCA in compliance with the state for school nutrition. She has been working with Joyce Akin, a nutrition consultant, to submit the reimbursement numbers to the state for the months of September and October and continues to qualify student for free or reduced lunch.
- Training/Professional Development Update: Mandy Avera explained the training and professional development that has taken place or is planned:
 - Barton Training: To help serve dyslexic students – All Homeroom teachers
 - Security Training: All staff
 - Nexstep – computer training: All staff
 - GDOE Charter School TKES/LKES Training: All teachers signed off on orientation, self-assessment, and pre-evaluation conference.
 - NWEA Training: All Teachers
 - Teachers began watching Motivation Breakthrough video training.
 - Infinite Campus Training: Stephanie Mullis & Amanda Miller
 - IEP Training & Behavior Intervention Plans and Assistive Technology Consideration Guidelines: Debbie Price trained special education teachers
 - Student Learning Objectives Admin Training: Catherine McGahee, Mandy Avera, Amanda Miller
 - Classworks Training: Catherine McGahee, Mandy Avera, Amanda Miller

III. Financial Report

- Financial Update: Eric Tillman gave a brief financial update and said that based on the budget that the school is in good financial shape.

IV. OLD BUSINESS –

- None

V. NEW BUSINESS –

- Executing a SNDA with the new lender for True North. Zachary Cowart explained that the SNDA would allow us to continue with the terms of our current lease should

the lease change hands. A motion was made by Jerry Jennett to execute the SNDA. Garrett Copeland gave a second and the motion passed unanimously.

- Revised Faculty Handbook: Jennifer Denham explained that the revised faculty and staff handbook for SCA was being present to the board for their review and comments. She stated that the staff hopes the board will approve the handbook at the December meeting.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Eric Tillman to enter executive session to discuss, personnel matters. The motion received a second from Jeremy Baker and the motion passed unanimously.

VII. OPEN FORUM

VIII. Next Meeting Date

Thursday, December 17, 2015 – 6:00PM in the Media Center

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Enid Santana to adjourn the meeting. Garrett Copeland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM

Zachary Cowart, Board Chair

Date: _____