

## MEETING MINUTES

**Board:** Scintilla Charter Academy  
**Board Meeting:** December 4, 2018  
**School:** 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:
December 4, 2018	6:03 PM	6:28 PM	January 29, 2018	6:00 PM	J.Denham
<b>Meeting Location:</b>					
2171 East Park Ave., Valdosta, GA 31602					

<b>Attended by:</b>	
Zachary Cowart Enid Santana Jerry Jennett Jeremy Baker Garrett Copeland	<b>Staff:</b> Mandy Avera, Dean of Students & School Support Amanda Miller, Director of Academic Enhancement Jennifer Denham, Director of Communications and Engagement  <b>Others:</b> Darren Hill, Moody Air Force Base Katelyn Umholtz, Valdosta Daily Times Danielle Grant, SCA PTO President
<b>Highlights:</b>	

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Pursuant to public notice, the meeting commenced at 6:03 P.M.

#### **I. Administrative Functions**

- **Approve Agenda for the December 4, 2018 meeting**  
Zachary Cowart presented the agenda for the December 4th meeting. A motion to accept the agenda as presented was made by Jerry Jennett. A second was given by Jeremy Baker. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Approve the Minutes from October 23, 2018 meeting**  
Zachary Cowart presented the minutes from the October 23rd meeting. A motion to accept the agenda as presented was made by Garrett Copeland and seconded by Enid Santana. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Notes from November 13, 2018 meeting**  
Zachary Cowart presented the notes from the November 13 meeting for review. There was no quorum, so no business was conducted at the meeting and all items from the November 13<sup>th</sup> agenda will be discussed at the 12/4 meeting.

## II. Old Business

## III. New Business

## IV. Financial Report

Mandy Avera reported that SCA's audit was completed and submitted to the state and the commission by the Nov. 1st deadline. The report will be provided at next meeting.

## V. School-Related Reports

- CCRPI Analysis – Amanda Miller provided a detailed analysis of SCA's CCRPI score to the board members. The analysis included a narrative as well as number-specific information. Scintilla Charter Academy's CCRPI score was 66.8 for the 2017-2018 school year. The 2018 CCRPI, a Georgia Department of Education indicator of college and career readiness, used an updated calculation of components and weights; therefore, 2018 scores cannot be compared to scores from previous years. She proved the following overview of the packet:
  - The content mastery portion of the CCRPI, which remained the same in the redesigned CCRPI calculation, includes an achievement score in English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies based on student performance on the Georgia Milestones Assessment System and the Georgia Alternate Assessment (GAA). SCA was thrilled to see significant gains in achievement in each subject area with increases ranging from 1.9 to 9.1 points.
  - GADOE's 2018 CCRPI utilized a target structure to incentivize continuous, sustainable improvement and provides an opportunity for schools to demonstrate the progress they are making to improve student performance. Three percent (3%) achievement improvement targets were set using 2017 Content Mastery as a baseline. Scintilla Charter Academy was one of only two out of the thirteen elementary schools in its attendance zone (Valdosta City and Lowndes County) to meet the performance targets set by the state in all four subject areas.
  - The focus Scintilla Charter Academy places on the importance of character is evident by significant improvements since the school opened. SCA's overall School Climate score increased 7.6 points in 2017-2018 resulting in a four-star, or above average, School Climate Star Rating. The School Climate Star Rating is a diagnostic tool to determine if a school is on the right path to school improvement and is based off the belief that school climate is a necessary condition for students to learn, grow, and be prepared for their next steps.
  - Student achievement data from the 2017-2018 school year, Scintilla Charter Academy's third year of operation, continues to support SCA's focus on meaningful, rigorous and joyful instruction is working. A professional learning plan that continues to provide SCA's Instructional staff with an extensive amount of professional development to support the deep understanding of EL Education's three dimensions of student achievement: mastery of knowledge and skills, character, and high-quality work, as well as the integration of the Arts is the key to continued gains in student achievement.

Mr. Jennett asked why the CCRPI changed and Mrs. Miller explained that the state had taken feedback from all stakeholders and tried to adjust the CCRPI to address that feedback.

- 2019-2020 Application Window, Lottery & Enrollment – Jennifer Denham explained that the application window for next school year will open on January 1<sup>st</sup> and close on January 31<sup>st</sup> with a lottery to be held on February 5<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the SCA Dining Room. She explained that the lottery will be open to the public and administered by a third party.
- 2019-2020 Staff Recruitment Update – Mandy Avera stated that the school will be accepting resumes for employment for the coming school year. She said that administration plans to begin interviewing applicants in February.
- Planning & Zoning Committee Update – Zachary Cowart told the board that the Planning and Zoning Committee recently met to review SCA's expansion plans and unanimously approved the plan. The plans will not go before Valdosta's City Council for final approval. There is no indication that there will be opposition to the plan.
- Federal Programs Update – Amanda Miller stated that FY19 budgets for Title I, II, IV, and IDEA have been submitted and approved by GaDOE. Completion reports for FY18 budgets for Title I, II, IV, IDEA and the CSP Implementation Grant have also been submitted to the state. Amanda Miller also reported that Angela Chastain, Director of Finance, attended the Initial Meeting of the Third Cohort for the Consolidation of Funds Initiative at GaDOE on October 17th, 2018.
- Admissions Update – Mrs. Avera explained that SCA is enrolled to 503 as of November 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **VI. OPEN FORUM**

Danielle Grant, SCA's PTO President asked if SCA's CCRPI data had been compared to other charter schools in the state. Mrs. Miller explained that administration had internally analyzed data from many different angles and that other charter schools were looked at. However, each charter school is working differently and it is not necessarily a solid comparison to make. Mrs. Miller referred Mrs. Grant to DOE's website for all released public information regarding CCRPI.

## **VII. NEXT MEETING DATE**

January 29th at 6:00 pm in the SCA Media Center.

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Garrett Copeland made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 pm. Jerry Jennett made a second and the board voted unanimously to adjourn.

---

Zachary Cowart, Board Chair  
Scintilla Charter Academy

Date: \_\_\_\_\_