

MEETING MINUTES

Board: Scintilla Charter Academy
Board Meeting: February 25, 2016

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:
February 25, 2016	6:03 pm	6:47 pm	March 31, 2016	6:00 PM	J. Denham
Meeting Location:					
2171 East Park Ave., Valdosta, GA 31602					

Attended by:	
Eric Tillman Enid Santana Zachary Cowart Garrett Copeland	Danny Brewington, Ed Innovation Partners, LLC Mandy Avera, Dean of Students & School Support Catherine McGahee, Assistant Dean Jennifer Denham, Communications Manager Sharon Galloway, Consultant Cathie Felix, Consultant Amanda Miller <u>Others:</u> Kevin King Lars Leader Amy Reese Ann E. Lukens Creation Divine Michlene Lee Laurie Colbert Janice Hamel Ashley Austin Joanna Richardson Kelsi Ludicke Lauren Baker
Highlights:	

CALL TO ORDER

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

I. Administrative Functions

- Approve Minutes from December 17, 2015 meeting
 - Motion was made by Eric Tillman, second by Enid Santana, the motion passed with a unanimous vote.
- Approve Agenda for February 25, 2016 meeting

- o Motion was made by Eric Tillman, second by Enid Santana, the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

II. **School Related Reports**

Mandy Avera spoke to enrollment and it remains stable at 389.

Amanda Miller discussed Friday enrichment activities began in January. Scholars were able to choose their clubs based on their preferences. They are able to change clubs each month if they choose. We have seen an increase in parent support and volunteerism. We have also brought in volunteers from VSU and other community groups.

Amanda Miller reported that the Title I Budget was approved in January to offer interventions for students. Cathie Felix came on as consultant and has been a huge asset. We have hired two part-time teachers to provide small group intervention for students identified by a targeted program. We are targeted assistance school this year but will be school-wide next year. This will allow more flexibility with the Title I funds. Teresa Parkerson is taking on the role of Parent Involvement Coordinator and has already been conducting meetings with parents. As we move forward she will work to bring in more stakeholders including VSU, Wiregrass, and community volunteers.

Jennifer Denham gave an update on the enrollment lottery that was held on February 4, 2016. She stated that the lottery went very smoothly with a representative from VSU serving as the third party.

Mandy Avera: Commission visit went well and our report came back with issues we have 30 days to address

Staff Update: Sharon Galloway, working with us at a consultant and comes with expertise from many years experience in Lowndes County Schools. Richard Steltenphol will be teaching in the 3rd grade.

Executive Session: Enid Santana made a motion to move to executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel. Garrett Copeland made the second. The vote was unanimous. Zachary Cowart made a motion to return from executive session, Eric Tillman made the second and the vote was unanimous.

III. **Financial Report**

Financial Report: Will meet with finance committee

- IV. **OLD BUSINESS** – Approval of the Faculty/Staff Handbook. Enid Santana made the motion to approve, Eric Tillman made the second and the vote passed unanimously.

V. **NEW BUSINESS** – Proposed 2016-2017 Calendar

Mandy Avera: Instructional hours and professional development days have been built in. We are more closely aligned with other systems and we are working to building enrichment into school day. Report card dates and other important things

will be added. Enid Santana made a motion approve calendar, Eric Tillman seconded the motion and the vote passed unanimously.

Board Training: Danny spoke to 12 hours of board training to determine how they want to go about this by June 1. Covers compliance, best practices. Zachary suggested two days of training to cover all topics.

VI. OPEN FORUM

Ann Lukens positive kudos to our calendar from this year—means a lot to the military families. Executive session should appear on the agenda so that people know or express that at the first part of the meeting with the executive session will take place.

Question about calendar aligning was answered by Mrs. Denham-calendar will align more closely with other school systems.

VII. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be on March 31, 2016 at 6pm in the SCA Media Center.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Enid Santana to adjourn, seconded by Garrett Copeland. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting ended at 6:47 pm.

Zachary Cowart, Board Chair

Date: _____