

## MEETING MINUTES

**Board:** Scintilla Charter Academy  
**Board Meeting:** March 27, 2018

**School:** Scintilla Charter Academy

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<b>Date:</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Next Meeting:</b>	<b>Next time:</b>	<b>Prepared by:</b>
March 27, 2018	6:02 PM	6:19 PM	April 24, 2018	6:00 PM	J. Denham
<b>Meeting Location:</b>					
2171 East Park Ave., Valdosta, GA 31602					

<b>Attended by:</b>	
Zachary Cowart Jerry Jennett Garrett Copeland Jeremy Baker	<b>Staff:</b> Mandy Avera, Dean of Students & School Support Amanda Miller, Director of Academic Enhancement Jennifer Denham, Director of Communications Angela Chastain, Director of Finance  <b>Others:</b> Darren Hill, Moody Air Force Base Danita Campbell Thomas Kimberly Cannon, Valdosta Daily Times
<b>Highlights:</b>	

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Pursuant to public notice, the meeting commenced at 6:00 P.M.

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

- **Approve Agenda for the March 27, 2018 meeting**  
Zachary Cowart presented the agenda for the March 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. A motion was made by Jeremy Baker to accept the agenda as presented by Mr. Cowart and Jerry Jennett offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Approve the Minutes from February 27, 2018 meeting**  
Zachary Cowart presented the minutes from the February 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. Jerry Jennett made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Garrett Copeland offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **II. New Business**

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### **III. Old Business**

### **IV. Financial Report**

### **V. School-Related Reports**

Federal Programs Update – Amanda Miller explained that we are still continuing to draw down funds on all federal programs. Grant amendments for FY18 will be made in the next few weeks. Parent & family engagement input survey has been sent to families and will be open for the next several weeks. Meetings will be held in early May for stakeholder input for parent & family engagement and school improvement plan. SCA is beginning the process for completing the annual Comprehensive Needs Assessment for FY19 School Improvement Plan.

Enrollment/Admissions Update – Mandy Avera explained that we are holding steady at 469 scholars and the waiting list for next year is around 195.

Dismissal Time – Mandy Avera let the board know that administration plans to make a slight change to dismissal time on the schedule next year. She explained that afternoon dismissal will begin at 3:05 instead of 3:15. The start time will remain the same. The purpose for the change is to allow time in the afternoon for necessary meetings with staff and parents.

ArtsNow Partnership – Amanda Miller explained that SCA is continuing to work with ArtsNow—they have been on campus for training 3 times in addition to the January training. Their consultants have provided model lessons and assisted with grade level planning to integrate visual arts, music, and drama. Their dance consultant will be here in April to work with our teachers. A group of teachers will also be attending foundational training in June in Atlanta to further understand integrating the arts across the curriculum. This partnership is provided through implementation grant and we will be able to utilize their services at the beginning of next school year. We intend to find opportunities after implementation grant ends to continue our partnership and fund the programming and training. We feel this is a very worthwhile partnership that is extremely helpful for training the teachers.

Celebration of Learning – Amanda Miller invited the board to the last Celebration of Learning for the year which will be held on May 14th.

Comprehensive Performance Framework Overview – Mandy Avera explained that SCA recently received the report card from SCSC. She stated that the data is lagging by one year and that finance was the section where SCA did not get all possible

points. This is expected with new charters schools and administration has put many improvements in place to assure points will be awarded going forward. Mr. Jerry Jennett asked what they main reason for the lost points were and Angela Chastain explained that SCSC wants school to have over 75 days cash on hand and SCA is operating at around 30 days cash on hand.

Expansion Update – Mr. Jerry Jennett explained that after a slow start, primarily due to wet weather and compacting dirt, the construction company made the footer wider and deeper than planned. Mr. Jennett said he was very proud of the concrete crew because by 6am they already had 15 trucks unloaded with a total of 18 trucks. They did this to keep the traffic flow from being effected by the trucks. Last week, they framed and installed trusses, which required a crane. On Saturday morning they had completed the south side of the building with sheeting and wrap and finished it on Monday. All work can begin inside. Plumbers have been working alongside the framers and electricians have also been on sight. Weather should not be too much of an issue going forward.

#### **VI. OPEN FORUM**

Danita Campbell Thomas came to the board to advocate for an issue because of a class she is taking at Valdosta State University. She was advocating for low income scholars and requested information regarding Title I programming for these scholars. The administrative staff agreed to provide Mrs. Campbell-Thomas with information regarding Title I programs and how scholars are served through this program. Jeremy Baker asked what type of class she was taking and she informed the board that she is taking a policies class as she works toward being a social worker.

#### **VII. NEXT MEETING DATE**

April 24, 2018 at 6:00 pm in the SCA Media Center.

#### **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn was made by Jeremy Baker and seconded by Enid Santana. The voted passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:19.

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Zachary Cowart, Board Chair

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