

MEETING MINUTES (CALLED MEETING)

Board: Scintilla Charter Academy
Board Meeting: May 2, 2016

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:
May 2, 2016	6:01 pm	6:10pm	May 26, 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 Amanda Miller, Special Programs Director Joanna Richardson, Teacher Michelle Bradford, Parapro Brooke Knight, Teacher Janice Hamel, Teacher Laurie Colbert, Teacher Others: Kevin King, True North Lars Leader Jason Smith, VDT
Highlights:	

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to public notice, the meeting commenced at 6:01 P.M.

I. Administrative Functions

Approve Minutes from March 24, 2016 meeting

Motion was made by Eric Tillman, second by Jeremy Baker, the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Approve Agenda for May 2, 2016 meeting

Motion was made by Jeremy Baker, second by Eric Tillman, the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

II. School Related Reports

Amanda Miller: Several surveys have been sent to parents and staff regarding parent involvement & engagement, enhancing after school programs, uniforms and other information to gain input in planning for 2016-17. Through Title I, SCA is forming a parent involvement team and the first meeting is May 10 at 5:30pm.

Jennifer Denham updated the Board on the PTO Fundraiser that will begin on May 3. The fundraiser is a digital version of the traditional local discount card and will be \$20. The company BoosterThon will be administering the fundraiser.

Jennifer Denham explained that a new partnership has been formed with the South Health District to promote health and wellness at SCA. As part of this partnership, SCA will receive a grant worth \$2000 to spend on health, fitness and nutrition related purchases. The partnership also allowed us to get over 20 trees donated for our orchard. The school will hold a tree planting ceremony on May 5 to commemorate National Charter Schools Week and to begin the development of our campus orchard-a project based learning strategy initiated by the second grade teachers.

III. FINANCIAL REPORT

Eric Tillman will meet with the finance committee next week to go over the 2016-17 budget and look at year to date financials. They will also coordinate the audit that is provided by the state free of charge. He expressed that the school is operating on budget and in sound financial shape.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

V. NEW BUSINESS –

Charter Amendment: Zachary Cowart stated that minor changes to SCA's charter are being proposed to increase flexibility within the the operations of the school. He said that no major changes to the substance of the charter are being made and that the changes are listed in the board packet. Enid Santana moved to approve the amendments pending legal review with respect to paragraph 5. Jeremy Baker 2nd and the motion passed unanimously.

Facility Needs: Mandy Avera stated that the administration has analyzed needs for next year and in order to continue to be fiscally responsible, we will not need to build new structures at this time. She said that the staff has a plan for minor renovations to accommodate the addition of 5th grade. Zachary Cowart stated that he would meet with administration and True North Companies to help move that process forward.

Personnel Recommendations: As a point of information, Mandy Avera updated the board on personnel for next year. She stated that all that want to return have been given a letter of intent.

VI. OPEN FORUM

None.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be on May 26, 2016 at 6pm in the SCA Media Center.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Eric Tillman to adjourn the called meeting. The motion was

seconded by Jeremy Baker and passed unanimously. The meeting ended at 6:09 pm.

Zachary Cowart, Board Chair

Date: _____