

MEETING MINUTES

Board: Scintilla Charter Academy
Board Meeting: August 30, 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:
August 30, 2016	6:04pm	6:18pm	September 27, 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
Jerry Jennett
Jeremy Baker

Staff:

Mandy Avera, Dean of Students & School Support
Amanda Miller, Special Programs Director
Jennifer Denham, Director of Communications
Danny Brewington, Consultant
Lauren Baker, Teacher
Hannah Erb-Summers, Teacher

Others:

Anne Lukens, Mr. Lukens, Steven Eiduk, Kimberly Irvin,
Nikki Stewart, Anita Russell, Anthony Grant, Jerome Durr,
Creation Devine, Sabrina Franklin, Jason Seacrist

Highlights:

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to public notice, the meeting commenced at 6:04 P.M.

I. Administrative Functions

- **Approve Agenda for August 30, 2016 meeting.**
A motion was made by to approve the agenda to add by Jerry Jennett, a second by Jeremy Baker. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.
- **Approve Minutes from June 16, 2016 meeting.**
Motion was made by Jeremy Baker, second by Jerry Jennett, the motion carries with a unanimous vote.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

- **Amend 2016-2017 Meeting Dates**

The board meeting dates for 2016-2017 were amended from December 27, 2016 – to December 13, 2016 & March 28, 2017 to March 21, 2017. A motion to approve was made by Jeremy Baker and a second was made by Enid Santana. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.

III. FINANCIAL REPORT

Eric Tillman reported that the finance committee would be meeting in the next couple of weeks and a financial report would be presented at the next board meeting.

IV. SCHOOL RELATED REPORT

APTT Information & Updates: Amanda Miller stated that SCA was accepted through DOE as one of 8 school systems throughout the state to participate in this twist on the parent/teacher conference model. Staff attended training on August 26 and the first meeting is scheduled for September 1st. The program is based out of Arizona and offers a more meaningful experience for parents. At the meetings, parents will be given information about their child and ways to build and develop the foundational skills necessary for success. There will be three team meetings throughout the year and the goal is to foster a stronger partnership between parents and teachers.

EL Rollout Update: Mrs. Miller explained that the Expeditionary Learning pilot program began rolling out in August with assistance from our Instructional Coach, Liz Freitag. This curriculum and resources take a deeper approach to learning that takes into account the whole child. EL focuses on high quality work, habits of character, and rigorous instruction.

Audit Update: Mandy Avera expressed that our audit was completed last week and we should expect initial findings in the next few weeks and a full report by September 30.

IGNITE After School Program Update: We began our in-house after school program on August 15. We have hired an after-school director, Tish Barrett, and have had great participation from our teachers in assisting with the program. This model allows teachers to do specialized activities with scholars after school and provides a snack, homework help, and enrichment activities. Approximately 50 children have been participating in the program.

V. OPEN FORUM

Ann Lukens— Mrs. Lukens stated that this is her last meeting after 32 years of federal service. She said it has been a pleasure working with us. She said she has worked hard to make sure that military families know about the school and will continue to inform people about our school as a civilian. She said she feels the addition of a charter school has added good variety to our community and she hopes for our success.

Sabrina Franklin – Getting herself acclimated to the board meeting system.

Creation Devine – Ms. Devine is with the HYPE After School program. She shared her concerns about the process of starting our in-house program. She said she was given a verbal ok on Thursday, June 2 by Mrs. Avera and the only difference would be a fee. Over the summer, she said she called and sent emails to find out where the school was with the fee being established. It was not until 3 weeks before school started that she was told that there was a different route being taken. Not pleased with how it all unfolded. Not done in an ethical manner—will be getting legal advice.

Jasmine McDonald- Ms. McDonald expressed that she signed her kids up for daycare and that daycare no longer serves SCA. She expressed that our afterschool program is not under CAPS program. She said she felt confused by the new policy to charge families for the after school program if children are not picked up by 4:00 pm. She stated that she was charged \$33 because her car was at the mechanic and she had no transportation. She said that she called to let us know she would be late and was not treated well when she arrive to get the children. She provided proof that the car was in the shop. She stated that she was upset that the daycare she wanted for her children will no longer serve SCA.

VI. NEXT MEETING DATE

September 27, 2016 at 6:00pm in the SCA Media Center.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:18. A motion to adjourn was made by Jeremy Baker. A second was made by Garrett Copeland. The motion passed unanimously.

Zachary Cowart, Board Chair

Date: _____