



Governance Board Meeting 3.20.23

Meeting called to order

Board Chair James Rossman called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m. Present were Board Members James Ballard, Beth McIntyre, Doug Amoroso, Ildes Sotelo, and Karl Langefeld. Staff members Elisabeth Kraft, Josephine Isenbergh, Loretta Gallo-Lopez and Heather Rodriguez were present. Special guest Project Focus board of directors were present, including Carol Dell, Katie Molloy, Eric Isenbergh, George Radka, and Dan Molloy. A quorum was met.

Approval of Consent Agenda and Previous Meeting Minutes

Mr. Ballard made a motion to approve the consent agenda, including the minutes from the January 23 and committee reports; seconded by Ms. McIntyre. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Committee Reports

Governance/Planning/Technology Committee

- The lease contract was finalized with Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church for five years

Finance & Compensation Committee

- District financial reports; no changes.

Marketing, Advocacy and Fundraising

- No meeting.

Administration Report

- The charter contract was unanimously approved with the Hillsborough County School District for the next five years.
- The HCPS Board members were extremely complimentary and positive in their comments about Focus Academy.

Old Business

- No old business

Action Items

- District financial report: Mr. Ballard moved to approve and submit the report; Mr. Langefeld seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Extension of loan for Project Focus: Mr. Ballard moved to extend a loan to Project Focus for the amount of \$125,000 with standard commercial terms for the form of line of credit to the foundation with monthly interest, and the entire amount due at the end of five years (2028); Ms. McIntyre seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

New business

- Project Focus board introduction from chair Katie Molloy. Discussion of the position posting for an executive director to handle development and fundraising for the foundation. The foundation board is visiting to facilitate discussion of goal setting for fundraising and how it can help Focus Academy achieve its goals.
- Two public records requests have been received and are being addressed under legal guidance.

Public Comment

Discussion of the Project Focus proposal for a loan.

Upcoming events: Parent Seminar on Guardianship, March 23; school field trip, April 6; Spring Performance, April 21; high school dance, April 28.

Adjournment

Mr. Ballard made moved to adjourn; Ms. McIntyre seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Upcoming meetings: May 15, 2023; June 26, 2023.

Minutes taken and prepared by Heather Rodriguez, approved by Board vote and confirmed by signature below.

JAMES M. ROSSMITH

Chair

Print Name

Title

Heather Rodriguez

MAY 15, 2023

Signature

Date