

**Miami Community Charter Schools**  
**Elementary, Middle, and High School**  
**Board of Directors/ EESAC Meeting/Title I School**  
**Thursday November 2, 2017**  
**Everglades Community Center**  
**19316 SW 380 Street Homestead, FL 33034**

**NOTICE IS HEREWITH GIVEN TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES THAT IF ANY PERSON SHOULD DECIDE TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE AT THE FORTHCOMING MEETING FOR WHICH THIS AGENDA CONSTITUTES NOTICE, SUCH PERSON WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS CONDUCTED AT SUCH MEETING AND FOR SUCH MEETING AND FOR SUCH PURPOSE MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEALS IS TO BE BASED.**

**MIAMI COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL, WILL PROVIDE REASONABLE ACCOMODATIONS FOR DISABLED INDIVIDUALS REQUESTING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE IN ORDER TO ATTEND OR PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT A REQUEST FOR SUCH ASSISTANCE MUST BE MADE TO MRS. JILA REZAIE AT LEAST THREE(3) CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO SCHEDULED MEETING.**

Call to Order: Call to order at 6:46PM by Ana Torres, Chair

Roll Call:

Members Present: Ana Torres, William Presswood, Ana Exposito

Members Absent: Celeste Jordan, Howard Murphy

Others Present: Mildrelis Rieumont, Jacqueline Sirven, Raina Fiallo, Maria Alba-Quesada, Jila Rezaie, Guadalupe Alegre Mai, Richard Mancinelli, Luis Sullivan, Mark Gotz, Rommy Rodriguez, Maria Brown

Pledge of Allegiance

**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Minutes of the September 28, 2017 Board Meeting, Jeff Woods contract

Motion: Mr. Presswood Second: Ms. Exposito Motioned carried unanimously

Regarding the continued inquiry on how school grade is calculated is a separate process and the board needs to decide how it will proceed.

**Discussion Items**

- Mr. Sullivan conveyed a message from Ralph Arza that there is a sense of urgency over the school grade to prevent closure next school year,
- Mrs. Exposito asked it was possible that all schools are graded the same even when schools like ours are mostly ELL. Mrs. Torres replied that the curriculum is not watered down but bar is set high for all schools,

- SIP and Title I budget discussed as to where resources are being allocated, also SIP has been submitted for approval and waiting for the Elementary and High School grant approval,
- Administration attended the Title I meetings, contact with the Parent Academy has been made, there will be more collaboration with the community and the Parent Academy to hold meetings at the Everglades Community Center which is convenient to our parents,
- IReady and new Reading Curriculum was reviewed by Mrs. Alba,
- One-on-One Tutoring will begin on November 13 in small groups of 3-5 students. Students will receive 45 minutes sessions twice a week to bring up their Reading proficiency, as well as test-taking strategies,
- Professional Development has been re-vamped based on the ELEOT teacher observations and tailored to what the student's academic needs are,
- This Saturday November 4<sup>th</sup>, there is a PD for all ELA teachers. Unpacking the ELA Standards,
- The Board has contracted an educational consultant, Ashley Barber. She works closely with teachers in elementary school in order to assist with deficiencies. She participated in the meeting via phone, briefed the Board of her findings and made additional recommendations. Mastery on the standards that are assessed every two weeks (teachers debrief the assessments in Reading and Math), their previous FSA scores, and student's gains. Ms. Fiallo is working with 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade Math and Ms. Alba is working with 3<sup>rd</sup> ELA students based on their proficiency,
- Administration has been coaching, co-teaching, and modeling with teachers that need assistance,
- Upon release, the SIP Grant will provide funding for tutoring, spring academic camp
- On IReady students need 75% as a passing grade, students need 45 minutes of IReady which is a good predictor for FSA ELA. Progress is showing in the classrooms. Rigor shows in IReady,
- For Middle/High School based on current data, middle school has a consistent "C". The lowest 25% gains are strong. The high school data needs improvement.
- Digital IL will be working with students in DI groups to assist with drag/drop, highlighting, and citing evidence skills to prepare for FSA,
- High School only uses iReady as progress monitoring three times a year. Topic Assessments are used but are not reliable indicators for proficiency. PrepWork materials are being reviewed as standard based progress monitoring tool for EOC subjects as well as ACT & SAT.
- There is a meeting on November 6 with Prep Work which is a test-taking skills program; administration will evaluate the rigor of their assessments,
- School contracts- school is mindful of school status. Renewal submission is due next Thursday November 9. School attorney is currently reviewing the Elementary contract,
- Through Ralph Arza, the district has advised MCCS to apply for 5-year renewal contract for both school. Mark Gotz elaborated on the possibility of school closure in case of double "F". Elementary school's contract renewal status will depend on the school grade.

- Motion put forth to re-new Elementary and Middle School contracts for 5 years; Motion: Mr. Presswood, Second: Mrs. Exposito; motion carried unanimously,
- Middle School Recognition Fund Distribution was discussed by the board. There is \$26,142.00 recognition money for Middle School teachers Board discussed how to distribute and put forth a motion to distribute based on 4 tiers: 1<sup>st</sup> Tier= high scores/high performance would receive \$1,950.00 (two teachers); 2<sup>nd</sup> Tier=\$1,490.00 (6 teachers), 3<sup>rd</sup> Tier= 1,090.00 (three teachers), and 4<sup>th</sup> Tier small groups and support teachers \$716.50 (fourteen teachers). Motion- Mrs. Exposito Second-Mr. Presswood Motioned carried unanimously,

### **Business Report**

- Mr. Gotz advised that the DOE letter regarding the school's capital outlay was rejected. The attorney will be sending another letter for the elementary School, and the challenge is filed by the attorney,
- Middle/High still has 25 trees down from the hurricane; Elementary School has A/C units not working properly and trees down. Need to get information on insurance deductible in order to file for cost of replacing the trees,
- Financially schools are expected to be in the red approximately \$300,000 due to consultants expenses. The financial statement for each month will be added to the consent agenda to keep track how we are doing financially. Some of the extra costs were not projected for this year, lots of money went for educational materials. Board need to look at the tailed budget report to make a decision on where to cut some of the spending,
- Mr. Gotz clarified that the Elementary owns the Middle/High School due to the Elementary borrowed the bond for the Middle/High. Middle /High schools pay Elementary rent (\$477,000). The approximate total of the bond is \$620,000 and the Elementary picks up the difference to pay the bond. The district has a problem with this arrangement because we own our building,
- Discussion to provide faculty and staff with a \$50 gift certificate for Thanksgiving was discussed. Board Motion to distribute \$50 gift certificate to faculty and staff- Motion- Mr. Presswood Second: Mrs. Exposito

### **Public Comments**

None

### **Adjournment**

Mrs. Torres adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.

