

**Miami Community Charter Schools**  
**Elementary, Middle, and High School**  
**Board of Directors/ EESAC Meeting/Title I School**  
**Tuesday December 11, 2018**  
**Nova Southeastern University**  
**8585 SW 124 Avenue Miami, FL 33183**  
**Room #222**

**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.**

**All details of this meeting has been recorded and is available upon request.**

**Call to Order:** Call to order at 6:42PM by Celeste Jordan, Board Member

**Roll Call:**

**Members Present:** Ana Torres (via phone), Celeste Jordan, William Presswood, Carmen Marinelli, Shawn Khosravi

**Others Present:** Jila Rezaie, Stephany Papili, Maria Alba-Quesada, Raina Fiallo, Ashley Delgado, Ralph Arza, Jeff Wood, Jacqueline Sirven, Edward Woodberry, Janeth Plasencia, Ashley Barber, Victor Hickson . Mildred Rieumont

**Pledge of Allegiance**

- Mrs. Marinelli motioned to approve October 23, 2018 minutes; Mr. Khosrovai: Second Motion; Motion carried unanimously.
- Mr. Khosravi motioned to accept withdrawal of Mr. Lockheart's application for board membership; Mrs. Marinelli: Second motion to accept withdrawal of application; Motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion Items**

- Title I preliminary compliance review was conducted October 29, 2018. Work location number 6048 was in compliance. All three schools will be visited again in 2019.
- The Middle and High School Title I budget allocation was revised based on Title I Administration recommendations. Mrs. Marinelli motioned to approve Title I revision as presented; Mr. Khosravi: Second motion; Motion carried unanimously.

### **Academic:**

- 0102: Mrs. Alba-Quesada, principal, presented school's current progress monitoring report. Attached report indicates students' gradual academic progress. Moreover, school aggressively addresses some areas of academic concerns. This includes the decline in 5<sup>th</sup> grade ELA/Math, and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade ELA. One of the third grade teachers receives assistance from the administration. There are deficiencies in instructional practices in grades K – 2. Dr. Fiallo works closely with this division.
- 6048: Ms. Papili, principal: Current enrollment in the middle school is 294. The AP 2 is in progress, as well as the district mid-year assessments. The actual data for the mid-year progress monitoring will be shown after all students have completed the mid- year assessments.
- 7058: Ms. Papili, principal: Current enrollment of the high school is 205, and we continue to accept applications. District visit on November 28<sup>th</sup> was positive; awaiting the report. School graduation rate is calculated by the district, and it is 90.4%. The mid-year assessment and AP2 is still in progress. Based on the available results, students' scores in social studies and science is compatible with the district. Also, based on Achieve 3000 reports, the percent of college and career ready has steady increase.
  - The Extended School Day tutoring program is in regular progress in all three schools. Students are assigned to classes based on their academic needs (DI).
  - The entire school academic staff is going through an intense training to increase the level of rigor in EVERY classroom.
  - The middle school math schedules and teacher assignments is restructured. The new schedule will be put in place after the AP 2 and mid-year assessments are completed.
- Ashley Barber, consultant, presented a report on the standards assessments for K-12. Certification recommendations for teachers that need to meet requirements for certification, and strengths, weaknesses, and recommendations for classrooms based on her observations. The handout is included.

Mr. Arza expressed concerns about teachers' certification status. Dr. Rezaie responded that teachers' certification has been monitored all the time. This year, certification statues is tied to personal professional development plans, and teachers' progress is monitored continuously. School has taken several steps to address teacher certification issue, which includes reimbursing the cost of the test, referral to outside tutors, organizing in house tutoring, imposing pay cuts and revoking the employment contract. The board members Presswood, Marinelli and Jordan acknowledged the teacher shortage across the country.

- Lease contract for 0102- In response to Dr. Rezaie's attached letter to the church, Pastor Hickson acknowledged the high cost of repairs for the school, but has and will continue to work with the administration and the board for we both serve the same community. The church will respond to the details of the letter by board's February meeting.
- Mr. Woodberry presented a plan for school wide safety supported by school staff. The board and board attorney discussed and agreed that the school should complete the new plan, but keep the contracted services until full transition. Dr. Rezaie reported that applications for school

safety grant are expected to approve in January 2019 ( Elementary, \$19,109.02/Middle \$9,769.53/ High \$8,533.19)

- Both campuses will be enclosed with fences for added security. After discussing the options, **Mrs. Marinelli motioned to accept the security plan, but keep the current contract of armed guards until the transition to trained unarmed security officers; Mr. Presswood: Second motion; Motion carried unanimously.**
- The high school contract renewal application is scheduled for ARC on January 22, 2019. The school has field for an amendment to develop its own SPP in response to the particular needs of this demographic.
- Dr. Rezaie reported that Miami Community Charter Elementary School is the recipient of 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC grant. Only two charter schools have this grant, MCCC is being one of them. The total amount of the grant is \$1,500,000 in 5 years. In addition to the daily after school program, the grant enables the school to add 44 instructional days, winter, spring and summer school, and some Saturday schools.
- Janeth Plasencia from Centro Campesino, which offers a similar program presented the board with information. The school and Centro will continue collaboration.
- Dr. Rezaie presented the cash flow and budget report. She advised that due to the decrease in High School student enrollment, increase in vendor fees, and major increase in legal fees; there are concerns about the cash flow. The board members received attached report and they will review the budget for adjustments by next board meeting.
- Dr. Rezaie advised the board that the District has disbarred Advance Bus service from the approved vendor's list. 75% of our students use the school bus, and if the issue is not resolved the school may lose students. Mr. Arza advised that he would call the District tomorrow regarding the transportation issue.
- Dr. Fiallo presented her request for the board to reconsider the amount of reimbursement for her doctoral coursework that should be 50% of FIU's tuition fee which she was not calculated correctly. The amount should be \$13,669.20 at the end of the school year for the next three years. **Mr. Khosravi motioned to approve the \$13,669.20 tuition reimbursement over the next 3 years; Mr. Presswood: Second motion; Motion carried unanimously.**
- Mr. Arza spoke about the county wide poll sharing millage. Miami-Dade Public Schools are not sharing the local millage with charter schools. Charter organizations want to conduct a poll in the community and ask voters if they knew that charter schools were exempt, and should charters be included. Could make an argument, legally, that the funds should be shared. This will be a political and legal battle.

#### **Public Comments**

None

#### **Adjournment**

Mrs. Jordan adjourned the meeting at 9:23 PM

The board shade meeting ensued after adjournment of the Board/EESAC Meeting.

