

Miami Community Charter Schools
Elementary, Middle, and High School
Board of Directors Meeting – Regular Session
Tuesday, April 4, 2023 @ 6:30 P.M.
Zoom/Physical Meeting
18720 SW 352 Street
Florida City, 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 REZAIIE AT LEAST THREE (3) CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO SCHEDULED MEETING.

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Call to Order
- Minutes
- Public Comments
- Title I
- 21st CCLC Program

The meeting started at 6:35 P.M. Ana Torres called the meeting to order. In addition to Ana Torres, board members Howard Murphy, William Presswood, Carmen Marinelli, and Shawn Khosravi were present.

Non board members: Jila Rezaie, Raina Fiallo, Stephany Papili, Janet Velez, Ruben Saavedra, Danisha Jacobs, Mercy Waters, Chris Moran, Ralph Arza

Carmen Marinelli moved the motion to approve minutes from September 7, 2023 meeting. Howard Murphy second it. Motion was approved 4 – 0.

Title I Report

Miami Community Charter Schools (Elementary, Middle, High) February compliance procedures were successfully completed, with some minor revisions. The end of school year review will be completed in May 2023.

21st CCLS Program

The program works in full capacity, with having 120 K – 5 students attending the program every day.

The program is hosting 4 Saturday schools, in addition to the spring program offered on March 20, 21, 22, and 23, 2023. The program is fully staffed, and focused on closing the academic gap. Students in grades K – 2 show stronger growth compared to their peers in grades 3 – 5.

Miami Community Charter Elementary School's contract with 21st CCLC is extended for three additional years.

Agenda Items

1. School Operation – Dr. Rezaie

1.1 -School has been able to maintain an enrollment 2% higher than the projected numbers. As of February FTE, Miami Community Charter Schools serve 1128 students in grades K – 12.

1.1.1 Miami Community Charter Elementary and Miami Community Charter Middle School each has secured a 10 years charter contract renewal. Miami Community Charter High School is up for contract renewal next year.

1.1.2 The school's general staff retention rate is strong, particularly in the middle and high school. The elementary school sustained some loss at the beginning of the school year. However, the school has been able to staff all the positions.

1.1.3 Miami Community Charter Schools' team combined of Dr. Rezaie, Mrs. Rieumont and Mrs. Suazo did a presentation to FCSA, focused on creating and sustaining a positive and collaborative school culture.

1.1.4 The school's partnership with Giveback Organization has gained traction, and students' participation has increased significantly since the beginning of the program.

1.2 Status of School Budget

This year the school has been able to continue maintaining a strong budget due to the high enrollment and additional funds generated from FLDOE. The release of the Referendum funds generated an 8.5% increase. However, education particularly for smaller operators has become an expensive industry. Our immediate concerns for next year are; the cost of health care, safe school, and the delayed process of releasing the ESSER II & III funds from the district.

1.3 The Elementary School 2023-204 Principal

In January 2023, the board members asked Dr. Rezaie to start the search process for the elementary school's principal position effective June 15, 2023. . An interview committee combined of the teaching faculty, administration and student services interviewed 6 applicants, two of which with highest scores had a follow up meeting with the board chair Ms. Torres and board member Dr. Marinelli. At the end, Mrs. Rieumont the current assistant principal of the middle and high school, and former MCCA teacher since 2012 is recommended to the board as the new principal. Dr. Marinelli moved the motion to accept Mrs. Rieumont as the new Principal. Mr. Murphy second the motion.

Dr. Fiallo, the current school principal has been with MCCA since 2013, and is relocating to the Tampa area. The board appreciated her service, and congratulated Mrs. Rieumont on her new position.

1.4 Tuition Assistance Request

Dr. Marinelli moved the motion to accept Dr. Papili's request for tuition assistance for the total of \$9,120.00, payable at the end of three consecutive years, beginning in June 2023. Mr. Murphy second the motion.

2 Governmental Affairs Update – Mr. Arza

2.1 The tax revenue collected through discretionary 1.5-mill levies will be apportioned in proportion to the enrollment of charter schools relative to that of the districts.

2.2 Schools start time are changing next year, K – 5/ 7:30 A.M. – 2/30 P.M. & 6 – 12/ 8:30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.

2.3 The districts' school board members will have term limits, not exceeding two terms.

2.4 On line safety lessons and guidelines will be included in the curriculum.

2.5 Prohibition on teaching about sexual identity and gender orientation from Kindergarten through eighth grade. This also restricts how school staff and students can use pronouns on K – 12 campuses.

3 Academic Reports – Dr. Fiallo , Dr. Papili

Dr. Fiallo and Dr. Papili submitted the attached academic reports to the board. The reports included details of student’s academic gains from PM 1 to PM2/Midyear assessments. The school Instructional Leadership Team had detailed plan in place first quarter to decrease the percent of the BGL students and increase the percent of GL or AGL students in all areas. There is a positive trend to support the data, however, the school must continue with support programs until the end of the school year, and during the summer programs. The list of the corrective measures the school has been taking includes all school after school tutoring and winter, spring academies. The principals’ report indicates increased level of parent’s participation in their children’s academic life.

4 Construction Project Progress Report -- Christopher Moran

The construction project continues with the momentum that has begun last fall after a long pause. At this point all plans are completed, including the architect’s plans which will be reviewed by the school next week. Our weekly meetings’ focus is to do the ground breaking in July-August 2023. By doing so, we should be able to have the new building ready for use by the beginning of school year 2024-2025. The renovation of the current middle-high school building is scheduled to be completed by January 2025.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

The undersigned hereby certifies that he/she is a Director and/or Officer of Miami Community Charter School, Inc., a non – for profit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida, and that the above is a true and correct copy of the meeting minutes of the Board of Directors of said corporation & the individual charter schools sponsored by the said corporation.

The minutes were adopted by the Board of Directors at special meeting held on June 15,2023 that minutes were approved/adopted.

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