



**SUNFIRE HIGH SCHOOL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
08/22/2024 5 : 30 PM at School in Oakland Park**

Present At Meeting: Marti Lovely, Principal; DeeEtte Naukana, Director of Education; Glenn Milgraum, Board Chair; Sam Chegani, Board Member; Marion Silver, Board Member; Steve Piercy, Board Member (via Zoom); Phil Neiss, Director of Operations.

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Marion Silver. Motion to accept by Sam Chegani, seconded by Glenn Milgraum. Passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Summer School: Ms. Lovely reported on the summer session that was held in June and July. It was anticipated that the enrollment would be between 75 – 100 students. We were quite surprised when the enrollment topped 110 students!. Summer school was a success for the students who were able to recover and excel ahead. Ms. Lovely also suggested that we continue summer school next year. The board agreed to review the idea at a future meeting this year.

First Referendum Payment: Earlier this year, the School participated in a class action suit against the School Board of Broward County pertaining to ad valorem funds that were due to the school for the period of 2018 thru 2020. A settlement was reached whereby Sunfire would receive 3 payments beginning in July, 2024 and continue annually until July, 2026. The 2024 payment was received on July 10, 2024.

New Business:

Change in curriculum program: Since inception, Sunfire has used the “Apex” computer educational system. Recently, “Apex” was acquired by “Edmentum”, which is also an educational software company. Over the past couple of years, Edmentum began to implement merging Apex into their existing programs, with the goal of phasing out the Apex products. We were guided by Edmentum to now implement their revised product. This occurred over the summer session, where our enrollment was much less than it is during the regular school year. This allowed our staff to become acclimated with the new program and work thru any kinks that had arisen.

Enrollment Goals: The current enrollment in the school now exceeds 500 students. This is the first time in our history that we have ever reached this level. Staff and administrative leaders continue to meet on a regular basis to strategize on continued enrollment growth. Currently the school is licensed to accommodate up to 550 students. The goal for this school year is to reach the maximum student level.

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New Staffing: With the rising numbers of new students, it became apparent that we needed to increase the size of the teaching staff. Additional staffers were hired prior to the commencement of this school year. Currently, there are 2 teachers in EACH classroom to accommodate our growing need.

Board Policy Update: The Board voted to approve the following annual contracts and items. The motion to approve the agreements was made by Marion Silver, seconded by Steve Piercy, and unanimously approved:

- A. Approval of the 2024-2025 Audit Adjustments
- B. Approval of Annual Budget for FY 2024-2025
- C. Approval of Staff Salary and Contracts for SY 2025
- D. Approval of Out of Field Appointments SY 2025
- E. Approval of Charter School Parent Liaison SY 2025
- F. Approval of Opt-In District Reading Plan SY 2025
- G. Approval of Staff/Parent Handbook SY 2025, pending school district 2025 forms
- H. Approval of Employee Handbook SY 2025
- I. Approval of FCPCS Administrator/Teacher Evaluation System for SY 2025
- J. Approval of FCPCS Salary Calculator and Compensation Plan SY 2025
- K. Approval of Staff Schedules and Planning Periods SY 2025
- L. Approval of Continuation of the Emergency and Safety Plan, SY 2025
- M. Approval of Involuntary Examinations Policy and Procedures SY 2025
- N. Approval of Behavioral Threat Assessment Policy and Procedures SY 2025
- O. Approval of Discipline Incidents (School Environmental Safety Incidents Reporting) Policy and Procedures SY 2025
- P. Approval of Timely Parent Notification Policy and Procedures SY 2025
- Q. Approval of School Safety Requirements and Monitoring (Safe School Officer) Policy and Procedures SY 2025
- R. Approval of Parent Reunification Plan Policy and Procedures SY 2025
- S. Approval of Continuation of the Safety & Security Requirement Assurances, SY 2025
- T. Approval of Continuation of Active Assailant Response Plan. SY 2025
- U. Approval of Mental Health Plan SY 2025
- V. Approval of School Improvement Plan SY 2025
- W. Approval of Statement of Assurance for Exceptional Student Education SY 2025
- X. Approval to hire "Give God the Glory" food catering vendor SY 2025
- Y. Approval of salary increase allocations for SY2025

Additionally, the Board reviewed and approved the annual purchases:

- A. Approve Power-Up for Intensive Reading SY 2024 and SY 2025
- B. Approve total conversion to Edmentum from Apex Curriculum SY 2025
- C. Approve LMHC for ESE Students requiring counseling SY 2025
- D. Approve Continuation of SLP services with Partners in Speech SY 2025
- E. Approve Continuation of Accounting Services J. Klein, CPA. SY 2025
- F. Approve Continuation of McCrady & Associates, Independent Auditors SY 2025



Additional New Business:

Election of New Board Positions: As directed by our bylaws, the Board of Directors called for an election to revise its officers and terms. The Board unanimously approved the new slate:

Officers of the Sunfire High School Board of Directors:

Board Chair: Mr. Sam Chegani
Vice- Chair: Mr. Glenn Milgraum
Secretary: Ms. Marion Silver
Treasurer: Mr. Steve Piercy

All terms will commence immediately and members shall serve a rotating term of up to three years. Hereafter elections will be held every year until the board terms are uniformly staggered.

Proposed 2024 – 2025 Governing Board Meeting Dates:

- A. September 19, 2024
- B. December 19, 2024
- C. March, 19, 2025
- D. June 19, 2025

Meeting Adjourned:
7:30PM

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Silver, Board Secretary

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