

University Preparatory Academy

Meeting of the Board of Directors
March 2, 2022

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

George Groezinger, Board Chair (*Present*)
Melissa Klafter (*Present*)
Anthony Polazzi (*Present*)
Darryl Cobb (*Present*)
Casey Moye (*Present*)
Dr. Jennifer Porter-Smith (*Present*)

Minutes

1. Opening Exercises

- a. Meeting called to order
- b. Establish a quorum
- c. Introductions of Board Chair & Board Members
 - i. George Groezinger introduces himself and provides background on himself; currently Principal of Somerset Academy Canyons in Boynton Beach; has known Dr. Hill for a little over a year; today is the 2nd or 3rd time to visit the school and is very impressed.
 - ii. Melissa Klafter introduces herself and states her appreciates for George stepping in and taking over the role; Casey Moye, Dr. Porter Smith and Darryl Cobb introduce themselves, as well.

2. Public Comment

- a. None

3. Consent Agenda

- a. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to adopt the Minutes from the December 15, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting.
- b. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to adopt the Palm Beach County Public Schools 2022-2023 School Year Calendar as published (early dismissal days are permitted to be made at the school level).
- c. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to Receive & File the Financial Statements for the period ending December 31, 2021.
- d. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to Ratify the Resolution which to authorized Dr. Hill, as the School Principal, the ability to execute all necessary documents / assurances for the School Hardening grant.

Motion to approve the consent agenda by Melissa Klafter; second by Darryl Cobbs; motion passed unanimously

4. Action & Discussion Items

- a. Principal Report
 - i. Discussed concern with base salary amount; Alina Chester feels that they can make this work with the referendum funds; the school is matching the district pay scale, however has to pay out the difference in 2 parts versus every pay check like the district; Alina will work with HR on this; Amy joined and says they can make it work if it helps with teacher retention.
 - ii. Discussed student discipline and improvements.
 - iii. Mens Meeting / Ladies Meeting
 - iv. Sports / Athletic Programs have started (basketball, lacross, cheerleading)
 - v. The school mascot has been identified as a Bull Dog.
 - vi. Discussed agreement with outside program; Board recommends a lease agreement even if no fee and proper insurance. Collette Papa from Academica can assist.

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- b. Financial Report (*Alina Chester*)
 - i. **APPROVED:** The Board approved to authorize the submittal of the Revised Referendum Budget.
 - 1. Reviewed changes being made, including some salary changes, contracted services (mental health counselors) and security.
Motion to approve by Anthony Polazini; second by Casey Moye; motion passed unanimously
- c. Other Items by the Board, Principals or Staff, or ESP
 - i. Board Member Klafter asks if this year's testing data will count; Dr. Hill advises that as of now, it will count.

5. Announcements & Notifications

- a. Next Board Meeting: May 25th (final meeting of this school year)

6. Adjourned Meeting at 11:38am

The undersigned hereby certifies that he/she is an Officer of University Preparatory Academy, Inc., a not-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 minutes were adopted by the Board of Directors at a meeting held on May 25, 2022.