



520 NW 5th St., Hallandale Beach, Florida 33009.

BOARD MEETING MINUTE

PLACE AND DATE: SBMCS CAMPUS, MARCH 16, 2017. 5:00 PM.

0.0 Call to Order (4:45 pm)

1.0 Roll Call:

Board Members: Mr. Luis Parra, Mrs. Margot Luque, Mrs. Vanessa Havel. (All present)

Invitation extended to: Ms. Elaine Padron and Mrs. Caridad Ramos.

2.0 Moment of Reflection

3.0 Former Minutes for Approval.

Review of last meeting minutes for review and approval. (Motion to vote for approval by Luis Parra: All yes).

4.0 Reports

- A. Review and approval of Financial Statements for the months of January-February 2017. Reviewed and approved.
- B. Campus plan for 2017-2018 School Year. An update of the new plan for the new building was reported by Mrs. Luque. An alternative plan was outlined and a proposal for moving out from our present location was considered by the board.
- C. Payroll and Expenses Review. In lieu of some decrease in our gross income, expenses and staff reduction was considered necessary.
- D. Academic, Operational and Enrollment Report for the current school year 2016-2017 by Mrs. Elaine Padron and Mrs. Ramos

Mrs. Ramos expressed some concerns about student testing. She explained that testing training for the students to become comfortable with all new CBT FSA testing required extra time. Mrs. Elaine indicated students will have necessary time for them to be trained for testing.

Mrs. Elaine had a meeting with Mr. Sylvester Leach in the previous days of this meeting. She submitted a plan to update our technology platform. The company which would be in charge is managed by Mr. Sylvester, who is a top notch IT professional serving for other schools in Broward. Along this plan, the board members will start an application before USAC.org. Mr. Leach already reported the actual status of our technology platform and submitted a plan to improve infrastructure and equipment, which would require funding for about \$34,000

School is still working to obtain an updated version of the CO (Certification of Occupancy) to stay in compliance with our contract. Mrs. Havel is going to assist in this matter before the city of Hallandale Beach.

E. Projection for 2017-2018 Budget.

Increasing of our budget for the upcoming school year was considered. According to this, a plan for enrolling more of students will be put in place during the summer of 2017. Several open houses, door to door flyer hand out, and other.

F. New board members and position changes.

The board expressed its concern about finding more members for the board. Mr. Parra has spoken to several candidates, but so far no one has shown interest to be part of the board. In the last calendar year 3 board members had presented their resignation for different reasons. Effort for searching more school board members will be put in place.

Mr. Parra also expressed the idea to rotate the Chair of the board among the current board members. No decision was taking in this particular topic.

5.0 Board Member Comments.

Our biggest concern is how to find funding for our school. The actual board has expressed concern about the huge amount of time and effort that require funding our school through additional grants, for example. The totality of the board members has their own jobs and all of them demand 100% of their time. Nevertheless, we have shown commitment for the past 3 years in order to push forward this project, in spite of our shortages. We will continue on our task for the upcoming years.

6.0 Other Business.

- A. Fundraising: PTO will be carrying out activities for fund raising this next month.
- B. New facilities. The most important concern is the C.O.

7.0 Public Comments.

- A. Parents are invited to speak up their ideas to the board. No parent was present in this meeting.

8.0 Adjournment. Motion to Adjourn by Luis Parra, Second by all presents: (All yes). Note time: (6:34 pm)

The Board of South Broward Montessori Charter.

Mr. Luis Parra

Mrs. Margot Luque

Mrs. Vanessa Havel