

**Cedars International Academy
High School Campus
Minutes for August 23, 2018**

Present: Dr. Maria Seidner, Dr. Sharon Frederick, Dr. Melissa Biegert, Mr. Barney Schulz, Dr. Mark Butland, Monsignor Sawyer and Mr. Rick Wallen

Also present: Mr. Varghese Panachakunnil, Mr. Blalock, Mr. Zipkes and Mr. Simpson.

Dr. Seidner calls the meeting to order at 12:08.

Mr. V explained his use of the Charter Board for enhancing his board presentations.

At 12:14 the Board goes into closed session with a quorum.

The Board is in open session at 1:05.

Approve Minutes for June 14th and July 25th: Monsignor Sawyer moves and Dr. Frederick seconds, the board unanimously accepts the minutes from the previous meeting.

Board Communications: Mr. V recognizes Ms. Rauls and Ms. Bowen for repainting and reorganizing their offices.

Report Items: Mr. V told the board that attendance is 535 for the new year and our ESL needs strengthening.

- a. Mr. Zipkes reports that the high school enrollment is 145 which is up by almost 20 to 25 students. Mr. V is working on a field trip for the 8th grade at the end of the year as a way to introduce the students to the new campus. This should help retention, because we lost 8 students to other schools at the 8th grade level. The American Statesman is doing a story on the school's 92 score on the State's new campus rating system. Currently 60 students are projected to try the school's dual course with Austin Community College.
- b. Technology Report: Mr. Simpson gave the board an outline of the technological improvements which include security cameras. Also working with students on their coding skills while having them work on the Schools webpage.
- c. Mr. Blalock says the Charter FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) score is 100. Says Harris is giving him the support he needs.
- d. and f. Mr. Blalock and Mr. V introduce a new report summarizing how the school does financially on a monthly and continuing annual basis. There is not much this month since it is beginning of the school year.
- g. Facilities and Maintenance revolves around the expansion of the campuses.
- h. Did not touch on Nutrition and Food Services

Action Items

- a. Mr. Wallen moves and Monsignor seconds the motion to approve personnel changes and the 2018-2019 pay scale advanced by Mr. Varghese Panachakunnil. Board unanimously approves.
- b. Mr. Schulz moves and Dr. Butland seconds the motion to approve the budget amendments necessary of this year's budget. Board unanimously approves.
- c. Dr. Biegert moves and Dr. Frederick seconds acceptance of the investment report. Barney is looking into how the district should invest the \$19,950.48 revenue excess for 2017/2018 school year. Board unanimously approves.
- d. Dr. Biegert moves and Monsignor seconds the motion to approve Mr. Varghese Panachakunnil engaging a Realtor in an effort to find a property for the district expansion. Board unanimously approves.

The next board meeting is 12:00 pm on September 13, 2018 at the Crowley Campus

At 1:04, Monsignor moves and Dr. Frederick seconds to adjourn. The board approves unanimously.