

# **Board of Directors Minutes**

## **Everglades Preparatory Academy**

**April 19, 2023**

The Everglades Preparatory Academy Board of Directors met at 2:00 p.m. on April 19, 2023. Location: Florida Crystals 1 North Clematis (2nd Floor) West Palm Beach, Florida, 33401

Members in attendance were:

### Board Members

X Emilia Fanjul  
X Joseph Galardi  
X Angela Pope  
X Maureen Johnston  
X Christopher McDermott  
\_ Charles Shaw (Absent)  
X Vivian White

### Staff

X Linda Johnson Earsley  
X Sheila Bynes (Via phone)  
X Julie Stewart (Via phone)

### Also, in attendance

X Ralph Arza, Arza Consultant  
X Lesa Hamilton (Via phone)  
Senior Financial Analyst  
Eduserve Solutions

Board Meeting was called to order by Mrs. Emilia Fanjul, Board Chair at 2:00 p.m.

Public Comment- There were no public comments.

### Approval of Minutes from March 15,2023:

Angela Pope made the motion. Maureen Johnston seconded the motion to approve March 15,2023 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes Approved  
 Minutes Not Approved  
 Corrections/Changes: None

### **Agenda:**

- a. The Agenda was presented and reviewed by the Board.

Reports:

#### *A. Chairperson – Emilia Fanjul*

1. June Board meeting: Date change from June 14<sup>th</sup> to June 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### *B. Principal's Report*

1. Enrollment – 138 students
2. Attendance - weekly attendance percentage: 85%

3. Graduation- May 24, 2023 @ 4:30pm. Location: Eddie Lee Rhodes Gymnasium Pahokee, FL.
4. EPA Annual Career Day-April 20,2023 (32) vendors.
5. Summer School: June 5-29, 2023

### **C. Assistant Principal – Julie Stewart**

Introduction of New Certified School Counselor

- Jennifer Franco

Campus Happenings

- Junior Achievement Guest Speaker
  - Bryan Viau
- Career Resource
  - Resume Writing
- Flexible Seating in English Class

Upcoming Tests

- ACT Testing Off Campus
- SAT Testing Off Campus
- Florida Civics Literacy Exam
- PERT

#### Graduation Ready Status Update

39 Seniors in the Class of 2023:

- Total seniors that have met the math requirement to date: 25
- Total seniors that have met the reading requirement to date: 14

#### Graduation Ready Status Update

Currently, there are a total of 18 seniors out of 39 seniors that are eligible to graduate with a standard diploma.

- 6 Seniors have an ESE waiver.
- 1 of the 6 eligible for an ESE waiver will be deferring their diploma to continue with Vocational Rehabilitation.
- 12 Seniors have met both their reading and math requirements.
- Currently, there are a total of 21 seniors out of 39 seniors that are eligible to receive a certificate of completion.

### *D. Legislative Updates – Ralph Arza*

1. Ralph Arza gave legislative updates.

### *E. Old Business*

1. Mental Health Counselor: School Counselor
2. Next year's curriculum – Coding, and Horticultural/ Farming

### *F. New Business*

1. Security upgrade and training-Principal Earsley verified that staff installed the Fortify FL app on their cell phones, school, and students' devices. Fortify FL app is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows students and staff to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials. Students and staff participated in the training. Students and staff were trained and participated in an Active Assailant drill observed by Palm Beach County School Officers.
2. 990 form- defer until May board meeting.

*G. Financial Report-----Eduserve*


1. Monthly Financials – EduServe presented to the Board a PowerPoint for March 2023 financials. The Board reviewed and discussed the Balance Sheet and the YTD Budget vs. the Actual Financial Statement, both summary and detail.

H. Action Item

1. None

♦ Unanimously approved

The meeting adjourned at 3:40pm

♦ Approved by 

Emilia Fanjul on behalf of Charles "Chuck" Shaw, As Secretary

Date 06/08/2023