

**Board of Directors Minutes**  
**Everglades Preparatory Academy**

**March 15, 2023**

The Everglades Preparatory Academy Board of Directors met at 2:00 p.m. on March 15, 2023, in person meeting, 360 East Main Street Building C, Pahokee, Florida 33476.

Members in attendance were:

Board Members

X Emilia Fanjul  
X Joseph Galardi (Via phone)  
\_ Jaime Holland (Absent)  
X Maureen Johnston (Via phone)  
X Christopher McDermott (Via phone)  
\_ Charles Shaw (Absent)  
X Vivian White (Via phone)  
X Leigh Woodham (Via phone)  
X Angela Pope

Staff

X Linda Johnson Earsley  
X Sheila Bynes  
X Julie Stewart

Also, in attendance

X Tony Arza, Arza Consultant (Via phone)  
X Luis Sillivan, Arza Consultant (Via phone)  
X Lesa Hamilton, Senior Financial Analyst  
Eduserve Solutions (Via phone)

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 February 8, 2023:

Maureen Johnston made the motion. Christopher McDermott seconded the motion to approve February 8, 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. Board meeting-

- April Board meeting: April 19, 2023 @2:00pm. Location: Florida Crystals (1) North Clematis (2nd Floor) West Palm Beach, Florida 33401
- May Board meeting: May 24, 2023 @ 1pm. Location: Everglades Preparatory Academy campus 360 East Main Street, Building C, Pahokee, FL 33476

#### 2. Board members resignation-

Leigh Woodham and Jaimie Holland resigned from Everglades Preparatory Academy Board and submitted by email their resignation letter to the Board Chair.

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

1. Enrollment: 136 students
2. Attendance: Weekly Attendance: 2/6/2023- 3/3/2023= 81%
3. FTE Week: February 6-10, 2022
4. Graduation- May 24, 2022 @ 4:30pm. Location: Eddie Lee Rhodes Gymnasium Pahokee, Florida
5. Career Day- April 20, 2023
6. Summer School: June 5-29, 2023 (4) weeks

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

#### **Testing Updates**

- FSA and EOC Retakes- Window Closes March 10th
  - Algebra 1 EOC Retakes and FSA ELA Only
- ACT and SAT On Campus
  - March 1- SAT
  - March 7- ACT
- ACT Testing Off Campus
- ACT Waivers- Juniors and Seniors
  - February 11th, April 15<sup>th</sup>
- SAT Testing Off Campus
  - Test Date- March 11th, May 6th, June 3rd
- SAT Waivers- Juniors and Seniors

#### **Senior Updates:**

- 39 Seniors in the Class of 2023:
  - There are a total of 14 students out of 39 students that are eligible to graduate currently.

### **Field Trips:**

- Everglades Research Education Center Centennial Celebration in Collaboration with UF/IFAS Extension (PBC 4H) Embryology Program Presentation

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

1. Tony Arza gave legislative updates.

### ***E. Old Business***

1. City of Pahokee: School Lease (Defer until the June meeting.)

### ***F. New Business***

1. Next year's curriculum:
  - Coding- Mrs. Fanjul discussed introducing coding next year to Everglades Preparatory Academy students. Coding is an essential skill that can open up many opportunities in fields such as computer science, artificial intelligence, and software development.
  - Horticultural/ Farming- Mrs. Fanjul and I spoke about starting the Agriscience program courses and establishing a Future Farmers of America Club next school year.
2. Bullying policy- Principal Earsley stated that EPA believes that all students have a right to a safe and healthy school environment. The district, schools, and community have an obligation to promote mutual respect, tolerance, and acceptance of all.
3. Mental Health / Mental Health Counselor- EPA is establishing and expanding school-based mental health care; by hiring a fulltime counselor, training staff in detecting and responding to mental health issues; and connecting children, youth and families who may experience behavioral health issues with appropriate services.
4. Cox Museum summer program
5. Food Service Annual Agreement between Everglades Preparatory Academy and PBCSD was approved by the School Board on 02/23/2022.
6. Charter School Food Service Operation Plan

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

1. Monthly Financials – EduServe presented to the Board a PowerPoint for February 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. POLICY 5.0115 entitled "Student Photo Identification Badge (ID Badge)- Christopher McDermott made the motion to approve for EPA to adhere to School District of Palm Beach County use of student photo identification badges (ID badge) policy. This policy will provide for greater safety, accountability, and efficiency in schools. Joseph Galardi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

◆ Unanimously approved  
The meeting adjourned at 3:26pm

◆ Approved by Franka Taniguchi for Chuck Shaw  
Date April 19, 2023 Charles "Chuck" Shaw, As Secretary