

Board of Directors Minutes

Everglades Preparatory Academy

February 25, 2025

The Everglades Preparatory Academy Board of Directors

Members in attendance were:

Board Members

X Emilia Fanjul
X Joseph Galardi - Absent
X Angela Pope- Absent
X Maureen Johnston
X Christopher McDermott (Via Phone)
X Charles Shaw (Via Phone)
X Vivian White

Staff

X Linda Johnson Earsley
X Sheila Bynes
X Julie Stevenson
X Jeffrey Colavecchio

Also, in attendance

X Tony Arza, Arza Consultant (Via Phone)
X Lesa Hamilton (Via Phone)
Senior Financial Analyst Eduserve Solutions
X Maria Alba Quesada, Strategic Consulting

The Board Meeting was called to order by Mrs. Emilia Fanjul, Board Chair at 2:18p.m.

Agenda:

1. The agenda was presented and reviewed by the Board.
2. Public Comment- There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes for January 23, 2025:

Maureen Johnston made the motion. Vivian White seconded the motion to approve January 23, 2025, minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

 X Minutes Approved
 Minutes Not Approved
 Corrections/Changes: None

Reports:

A. Chairperson – Emilia Fanjul

1. Board Meeting Announcement

B. Consent Agenda

1. None

C. Financial Report- EduServe

1. Monthly Financial- EduServe presented to the Board a PowerPoint for January 2025 financials. The Board reviewed and discussed the Balance Sheet and the YTD Budget vs. the Actual Financial Statement, both summary and detail.

2. Fundraiser and Scholarship Accounts at PNC were closed.

D. EPA Academic Consultant- Maria Alba-Quesada was welcomed and introduced to the Board.

E. Principal's Report

- Enrollment-117
- Attendance: 68% (August 12- February 17, 2025)
- FTE (February 3-7, 2025): Student count 117
- Career Day- April 30, 2025, from 9am-2pm
- Graduation- May 21, 2025 @ 5pm. Location: Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center, 1977 SW College Dr, Belle Glade, FL 33430-3611

F. Assistant Principal – Julie Stewart

Field Trips and Student Activities:

- National School Counseling Week
- CROS Ministries Gleaning at Roth Farms
- SY25 Title 1 Graduation Meeting for Parents and/or Legal Guardians
- PBC 4H Embryology Program
- Valentine's Day at EPA
- Safe School Ambassadors Club

The EPA Leadership, Staff and Stakeholders participated in the Title 1 Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA) Process to determine our targeted needs for next school year's Title 1 budget.

SY25 Annual School Updates and Mid- Year School Improvement Data Review

- Everglades Preparatory Academy ELA learning gains will increase by at least 3% going from 59% to 62% (33% from FAST ELA to Date).
- Everglades Preparatory Academy math learning gains will increase by at least 3% going from 45% to 48% (25% from FAST Math to Date).

E. Old Business

1. FY2024-FY2025 Metal Detector- Principal Earsley gave an update.

2. The SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER AGREEMENT BETWEEN Everglades Preparatory Academy and THE SCHOOL BOARD OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA was approved by the district legal team.

G. New Business

1. 2024-25 Local Capital Improvement Revenue (LCIR)

Local Capital Improvement Revenue Payments for Eligible Charter School payments were received on 02/01/2024. The LCIR Revenue payment is funded from the discretionary millage authorized in Section 101 1.71(2). F.S. The shared portion was provided to us by FDOE. Each distribution is equivalent to 20% percent of the maximum calculated amount. 2024-25 LCIR (Local Capital Improvement Revenue) allocation is \$62,746.00.

H. I. Government Relations – Arza Consultant

- I. Tony Arza gave Government Relations updates.

I. Action Item

1. Fundraiser and Scholarship Accounts- Charles Shaw made the motion to close the Fundraiser and Scholarship Accounts. Vivian White seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

♦ Unanimously approved

The meeting adjourned at 3:40pm

♦ Approved by _____

Date _____

Charles "Chuck" Shaw
Charles "Chuck" Shaw, As Secretary

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X Sheila Bynes
X Julie Stevenson
X Jennifer Franco
X Jeffrey Colavecchio
X Nicole Mendenhall

Also, in attendance

X Ralph Arza, Arza Consultant (Absent)

X Lesa Hamilton

Senior Financial Analyst Eduserve Solutions

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

Agenda:

1. The agenda was presented and reviewed by the Board.
2. Public Comment- There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes from November 14, 2024:

Charles Shaw made the motion. Angela Pope seconded the motion to approve November 14, 2024, minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

X Minutes Approved

 Minutes Not Approved

 Corrections/Changes: None

Reports:

A. Chairperson – Emilia Fanjul

1. Glades Academy Foundation Annual Fundraiser

B. Consent Agenda

1. None

C. Financial Report- EduServe

1. Monthly Financial- EduServe presented to the Board a PowerPoint for December 2024 financials. The Board reviewed and discussed the Balance Sheet and the YTD Budget vs. the Actual Financial Statement, both summary and detail.

D. Principal's Report

- Enrollment-120
- Attendance: 68% (August 12- January 10, 2025)
- School Hardening Grant- The School Hardening Grant provides capital outlay funds to improve the physical security of school buildings based on a security risk assessment. Allocation \$ 1,798.29.
- FY25 Fortin Foundation Grant awarded \$14,500.00. The purpose of the grant is to provide funding for Career Technical Education (CTE) program – classroom setup, textbooks, supplies, furniture and equipment.
- Annual Charter Review- January 30, 2025
- SY2023-2024 Graduation Rate 71.4%
- Storage Space

E. Assistant Principal – Julie Stewart

- There are 6 students that are considered early graduates (December 2024)
- Mrs. Franco and Mr. Jones are conducting senior credit checks, facilitating post-secondary preparation workshops, and organizing senior portraits
- Title 1 Comprehensive Needs Assessment - Due March 27, 2025
- School Improvement Mid-Year Review- January 27th
- UniSig Funding - Items spent to date
- Field Trips Update
- Field Trips- Drive Shack, PB State Gardens Campus, PBC 4H and the South Florida Fair.
- ESE- School Best Practices for Inclusive Education Assessment (BPIE)- Colavecchio
- Mr. Colavecchio presented the results of our Best Practices for Inclusive Education (BPIE) meeting which included BPIE's purpose, objective, and priority indicators. The two priority indicators that our campus will focus on over the next three years were shared and discussed. A brief update of our current ESE and 504 population was shared with the board and any questions or concerns were fielded by Mr. Colavecchio.
- Ms. Stevenson presented a winter testing update for the following assessments: FAST Mathematics (grade 8), FAST Reading (grades 8-10), B.E.S.T. Algebra I EOC, the Florida Civic Literacy Exam, U.S. History EOC, and the FAST-Reading Retake (grades 11-12). I shared the progress students made from the FAST Math PM1 to PM2 (grade 8) and the FAST-Reading PM1 to PM2 (grades 8-10). I also shared the number of juniors and seniors who have met their reading and math requirements and the number of students who still need to meet them. Additionally, I shared the assessments that are coming up.

F. Old Business

1. FY2024-FY2025 Metal Detector- Principal Earsley gave an update.
 - Metal Detector Delivery- January 28, 2025.
 - Metal Detector Training- January 30, 2025, 2pm-5pm.
2. 2nd Amendment to the School Charter- Principal Earsley

Dr. Annmarie Dilbert, Director of Charter Schools, requested Principal Earsley to send her a copy of the final draft. The school attorney is preparing the FINAL draft to be signed by Principal Earsley.

G. New Business

1. Student Disciplinary Action- Principal Earsley discussed and reviewed with the Board the student disciplinary incident involving TK #28973105. Principal Earsley stated that after the student completed his (10) day suspension, the student legal guardian elected to enroll him in Florida Virtual School. Principal Earsley will forward the documents and a letter expressing the opinions of the governing board to the Charter District office for their records.

H. Legislative Updates – Arza Consultant

I. Ralph Arza gave legislative updates.

I. Action Item

1. Student Disciplinary Action- Vivian White made the motion giving Principal Earsley authorization to submit a letter expressing the opinions of the governing board to the Charter District office for their records. Angela Pope seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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♦ Unanimously approved

The meeting adjourned at 3:20pm

♦ Approved by _____



Charles "Chuck" Shaw, As Secretary

Date _____

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