



## Early Childhood Learning Center

**Monday, November 6, 2017 5:00 pm**  
**Early Childhood Learning Center**  
**4309 N. 34<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Tampa, FL 33609**

In attendance: Board Director Gin Lieberman (GL) and Board President Michelle Shimberg (MS)

Guests included: ECLC Principal Frances McCrimmon (FM); From Rainbow Heights Community Association: Shonnie Wade, Christopher Edmondson, Frankie Jones (FJ); Evolution Institute, Inc. Executive Director Jerry Miller (JM); Darlene DeMarie (DD); Robert Johnston (RJ); Jerome Lieberman (JL). Suzette Dean

### 1. Opening Session

- a. Meeting was called to order at 5:00pm.
- b. GL moves to approve the agenda. This was passed by **unanimous consent**.

### 2. Public Comment

- a. Shonnie says it's an excellent opportunity for the community to take advantage of and knows it takes a while for the community to engage with it. Shonnie will help pass the word about the school. JL explained the long-term effort to make the Rainbow Heights Community Association to be a long-term partnership.

### 3. Reports

- School Progress Report: Principal Fran McCrimmon gave overview.
  - The Wonder series has been delivered - some are the books are backordered. FTE count is over with and 27 students and we are in compliance with all issues. Picture day was today and it went very well.
  - Report cards went home. 13 kids out of 26 with perfect attendance. 3 missed only one day. One student withdrew since she moved out of the district. Student behavior is very good - and much learning taking place.
  - The District asked for another copy of the bylaws. JM will ask Ashle for the updated bylaws to be sent to Fran.
  - The teacher evaluation rubric was distributed. New teachers need to have this done twice a year.
  - Professional learning goals have to be filled out. Administrator rubric was also passed around.
  - Fran asked for a petty cash fund. JM will look into a credit card for Fran instead.
  - Brittany is planning to take the certification exam during the Thanksgiving break.
  - The partitions have been moved to the side where Sara's class takes place
- Financial Report
  - JL is concerned about the budget deficit. JM reported that we are about 40% under the budget that was in the proposal and the deficit is about 29K. Title 1 is higher than planned as are the IEP dollars. A major issue is the number of



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students are below projections. JM reports we are planning a big push to get 3-5 more students over the break.

- Frankie says don't focus just on Potter, there are other schools in the area.

### 4. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Minutes from previous meeting: GL moves we approve the minutes and it was **unanimously approved.**

### 5. Board Discussion/Actions

- a. Expanding Charter School Board:
  - Expanding the Board - Avia has been approved to join the board.
- b. Early Learning Community:
  - Meeting 11/13
  - Early Learning Community meeting on Nov 13 organized by superintendent of schools. JL and MS have been attending and will be about early learning. District is thinking of opening up empty for seats for early childhood spots. 9am at Children's Board.
- c. Visit to Evans Community School in Orlando: (Nov 2)
  - Evans Community School (2400 students) in Orlando visit -School got a state appropriation. They have succeeded in bringing in medical and other health services, social services, and case management. Did not have a grass roots community partnership - it is an agency driven school that does not fully relate to the community. JL asked if UCF would look at us as a university partnership school, which is being looked into.
  - The Children Home Services, who is involved, has an office in Lutz. They provide free services.
  - School has a 'hub' that represents the 4 organizations that oversee the school.
- d. Community Efforts Updates – Rainbow Heights:
  - Frankie, as the parent liaison, wants to work on the scheduling with the parents. Frankie wants to be informed about staff meeting. Fran reports there are weekly meetings on Monday at 3:30 pm.
  - Currently, we provide food to families and to Rainbow Heights Community Center once a month.
  - Shonnie recommended the end of the month if possible for food since the need is generally greater than at the beginning of the month.
  - Chris reported at his Sulpher Springs church they give out hygiene and toiletries also.
  - We delivered furnishings to a family that Frankie referred to us.
  - Suzette reported on their efforts to engage the parents - Some of the teachers hosted a dinner and had a student led program showcasing what the kids were doing in the school. It brought a closeness to the kid and the school.



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- Gin reported that parents at the school will be invited to the activities at the end of a Project-based learning activity.
- JM shared a draft budget based on pre-k dollars for a summer program. MS wants to know what others are doing for pre-k in the area.
- Two of the school board members are visiting us and we hope to get up to date information about the plans for Potter as it impacts our plans. JL will be talking to some contacts at the early childhood school meeting.

**6. Adjourned at 6:44 pm.**

### **Important Dates**

Future Board Meeting Dates – Dec. 4, Jan. 8, Feb. 5, Mar. 5, April 2, May 7

\* Board meetings have been moved to 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month and will be from 5-7pm.