



Early Childhood Learning Center

Monday, December 4, 2017 5:00 pm
Early Childhood Learning Center
4309 N. 34th Street
Tampa, FL 33609

Board members in attendance: Gin Lieberman (GL), Michelle Shimberg (MS), Darlene DeMarie (DD), Robert Johnston (RJ)

Guests: Frankie Jones (FJ), Jerry Lieberman (JL), Fran McCrimmon (FM), Jerry Miller (JM)

1. Opening Session

- a. Meeting was called to order at 5:02pm.
- b. A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda. This was passed by **unanimous consent**.

2. Public Comment

- a. No public comment was made by non-board attendees at this time.

3. Reports

- Title 1 Report: Principal Fran McCrimmon gave overview.
 - We are able to access 80% of funds now. The remainder is withheld in case funding is lost.
 - It is cost reimbursement funding.
 - There are categories of expenses called In and out of bound - inbound includes field trips, supplemental employment and a number of other expenses related to the child's education.
 - Parent council needs to be created.
 - A parent compact outlining role for the parents needs to be distributed to all the parents.
 - There are many workshops and trainings available
 - There is a Jan 27 joint meeting at school district
 - Next week at the school Winterfest, Fran suggests we talk about advisory council to the parents.
 - Can be used for summer school
 - It has a separate budget from the school.
- School Progress Report
 - Assessments on math and reading being done.
 - Phonemic awareness is 100% of the students assessed. Most of the children were not reading the ABCs when they entered the school. JL asked how the students got so far so fast. Fran says Sarah is a very good reading teacher and has been trained well.
 - Teach-in was held where adults come in to talk about their work. Presenters included a police officer, a baker, a bus driver, a martial arts fighter, and an artist. The students responded to this and enjoyed the presentations.
 - MS reported that we couldn't get a firefighter that day, but a fire truck is on the way on the 20th.



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- Busch Gardens - came to the school and they talked about habitats. The presentation was very interactive with live animals and lasted 30 minutes. Pictures of the events will be scanned and put on website and on display
- Curriculum update: Beginning to develop the project-based learning using the Busch Gardens presentation as a jumping off point. Books are on backorder.
- Holiday event will be held on Dec 14. Certificates will be given to the 50% of the children with perfect attendance. Frankie has some activities for students. Frankie will look into a sound system and we can use their chairs.
 - Food will be cookies and a punch.
- Santa is coming to the school on Dec 22 at 1 pm - providing gifts and food for families.

Financial Report

- The financials still show a deficit and the number of enrolled students is 25.
- Ashle needs to send the financial report to all board. This past month it was just sent to MS.
- The discussion shifted to student recruitment. Frankie spoke with parents today. One family will put a second grader in and a child in kindergarten, for the 2018-19 school year. The child is currently at Sulphur Springs.
- Student recruitment - goal is 30 (5 more by Feb FTE week). We currently have 25
- We want to start building the list for 2018-19 - 54 kids is the goal with a waiting list.
- Gin suggests bringing a neighbor to school with perhaps incentives.
- JL wants us to talk to each parent to help us recruit.
- M.S. says we need to over-enroll with a waiting list in order to account for students who are lost.
- JM wants to do heavy recruitment for this year, this summer, and for next year.
- RJ suggests an open house.
- MS recommends sending information to Tampa Housing Authority
- JL suggests recruiting new residents.

4. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Minutes from previous meeting: GL sent some corrections to make sure that Darlene was a board member, not a guest, and that she was not in attendance.
 - o DD moves, RJ seconds, all approved.

5. Board Discussion/Actions

- a. School Name Change:
 - Based on a parent survey, the two most popular names were the Tampa Learns Academy and East Tampa Academy. The Board voted on East Tampa Academy as the new name.
- b. Other Items:
 - No contracts to approve
 - The parent representative missed a second meeting and we will ask another parent to serve on the Board.
 - We will decide the next board morning about school hours and whether to align with the District's proposed hours.



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- c. Early Learning Community Meeting 11/13/17:
- JL report on ELCM which is a regional meeting involving agencies that serve children. A report on best practices was presented at the meeting. JL says they did good in looking at best practices but have not been inclusive of the community. JL drafted a response from the Evolution Institute providing input into some issues.
 - JL would like us to see if there is a way to get involved.
- d. Conference in Ohio:
- JL reported on a conference he attended in Ohio. He met Teresa Mansell of 'Child Space' that is reported to be very high quality and parent engagement and will follow up with them to see if there may be ways to work together.

6. Adjourned at 7:14 pm.

Important Dates

December 14 – Family/Community Holiday Event

December 20 – Firetruck at ECLC

December 25 – January 8 – Non-Student Days

January 9 – Students return to school

Future Board Meeting Dates – Jan. 8, Feb. 5, March 5, April 2, May 7

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