



## East Tampa Academy

**Monday, February 4, 2019 3:00 pm**  
**East Tampa Academy**  
**4309 N. 34<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Tampa, FL 33610**

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

Guests: Jerry Miller (JM), Frankie Jones (FJ), Jerry Lieberman (JL), Curtis Fuller Florida Charter School Unit (CF), Maria Negron Children's Board (MN)

### 1. Opening Session

- a. Meeting was called to order at 3:03pm.
- b. Approval of agenda - This was passed by **unanimous approval**.

### 2. Public Comment

- a. No public comment

### 3. Reports

#### a. School Progress Report

- Our current enrollment is 43 students + 14 VPK students.
- We will have an event at Potter celebrating Black History Month on Feb 21 at 6:30 pm.
- In May, we will have a school visit for the second graders at Potter as part of the transition process to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.
- Staff attended a 2-day professional development training course in directed reading. They returned very excited about the work.
- JM met with "Positive Spin" a case management organization that provides in home case management for families. They address issues some of our families face including homelessness and foster care.
- Working with St. Joseph Hospital program that advocates for children's bicycle safety.
- Family outreach: We are continuing to partner with the food bank who provide grocery bags on a monthly basis for our community. MS is taking their volunteers to lunch to thank them.
- Curtis Fuller and the Florida Charter School Support Unit will provide a review to assure we are aligned with state regulations and to provide tips on school operations.
- The FTE week is coming up and we are doing what we need to do to assure 100% attendance.



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### b. Financial Report

- A copy of the most recent financial report was emailed prior to this meeting.
- We show a positive balance of \$36,000 before the security officer costs. The security officer costs are expected to be about \$50,000.

### 4. **Consent Agenda**

#### a. Approve Minutes from previous meeting:

- GL suggested we combine bullets 2 and 3 on #5 of the previous minutes.
- The following statement on the previous minutes also needs clarification: 'Additionally ODED suggest Trina Spencer to provide services in literacy'
- CM moves to approve the minutes as will be amended by Ashle; RJ seconds – **unanimous approval**.

### 5. **Board Discussion/Actions**

#### a. New Partnerships:

- DD has set up a music professor to teach ETA's Kindergarten students.
- Partnership with the Straz has started and they will be facilitating dance classes on Wednesdays.
- Tutor recruitment: We have several new tutors working with our Kindergarten students who are behind. Two USF nursing students are volunteering at 30 hours a week.
- Trina Spencer from USF, who has expertise in academic language development, will begin facilitating this school year.

#### b. Committee Reports:

- Education Quality: GL distributed information about the Education Quality committee. They will be meeting to develop strategies. The Committee cannot recommend strategies but can produce a teacher survey to determine what parts of the education program in the charter school application and implementation grant that teachers want support for; i.e., results of the survey will be shared with the professional development committee

#### c. Before/After Care Update:

- 8 students currently in before and after care.
- JL asked about school readiness - we only have one SR child.
- CM reports there is a limit to the funding - then a waiting list.
- JL reports he is meeting with the head of Pasco Hernando Early Learning Coalition and he is meeting in Dade City and will help set up the school readiness program in Tommytown.



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- d. Preschool Update
- Several board members suggested we begin the intent to return sign up process for current students and begin marketing for the next school year.
  - School district will start their recruiting in March and CM suggested we begin our recruitment early.
- e. Community Project
- JM reported a pediatrician is interested in working with us. JL is talking with another pediatrician in regards to how they could work with us.
- f. School Security Memorandum of Understanding
- MS talked with the School District attorney about the concerns regarding indemnification they have in their MOU for the school resource officer. They said they would get back to us but we have not heard from them.
  - JM spoke with state legislators to educate them about the impact of the school resources officer costs on ETA. He is not using school funds when taking part in these meetings, but rather is doing it as the director of the EI.
- g. Lori Wiser visit
- Lori is the newest member of the EI Board of Directors and is very passionate about social justice and equality. She will help with marketing material and has an international network. She will be visiting the school Monday the 11th.
- h. CSP Grant Update
- It is a long process Charter School Grant we were awarded by the state. We were told it may go to the grants office this week.
- i. Summer Program
- Summer program is already designed and is being marketed. The fee for the program is \$400 for June 3rd to August 2nd. VPK dollars and School Readiness dollars are able to be accessed for the program.
  - The summer program is for 4 year olds to 2nd grade level. Food will be provided by a special summer free lunch program.
- j. Additional Comments



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- Board likes the every-other-month meeting schedule and alternating between the 3 and 5 pm times.
- For April, the proposed budget will be provided by JM.
- MS asked for the needs list from the staff by April.

### **Important Dates**

Feb 8 – Fair Day, No School

March 4 – Strawberry Festival, No School

March 18-22 – Spring Break

**6. Adjourned at 4:30 pm.**

### **Future Board Meeting Dates 2018-19**

**Apr 1** 5-6pm

**Jun 3** 3-4pm