Advantage Academy of Hillsborough, Inc. Channelside Academy of Math and Science Channelside Academy Middle School Valrico Academy **Bell Creek Academy Bell Creek Academy High School Advantage Academy of Hillsborough** Advantage Academy of Hillsborough Middle School Hillsborough Academy of Math and Science Independence Academy **Orange County Preparatory Academy** Sunlake Academy of Math and Science **Governing Board Meeting Minutes** October 5, 2017 Sunlake Academy of Math and Science 18681 Dale Mabry Hwy Lutz, FL 33548 **Present at Meeting Patricia Rogers** Jennifer Dean Mike Strader Tiffani Richmond

Kerin Casey

Margaret Fahringer

Angela Lera

**Cristina Fuentes** 

Summer Sewall

Lauren Herbert

Melle Morgan

Keith Miller

Suzanne Elder

Meghann Conwell

Jack Burkett

Gabriella Heseli

**Brittany Deen** 

Maura DeGarica

Meeting called to order at 1:07 PM by Mrs. Rogers

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mrs. Rogers asked if any person present wished to speak under Public Comment. There were no persons present that wished to speak. Mrs. Rogers asked the Board to review the meeting minutes from the last governing board meeting and to approve or amend as needed. Mrs. Dean motioned to approve the May 2017 governing board meeting minutes. Mrs. Rogers seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

There were no public comments.

## Principal Reports

Valrico Academy - Ms. Lauren Herbert reported an enrollment of 925. The school reported on the successful beginning of year activities, which include Boo-Hoo Breakfast, Back-to-School Night, and the first Spirit night at Chick-Fil-A. Teachers participated in a "Build a Superhero" team building activity during pre-planning. The school participated in Bring your Dad to School Day. Looking forward to October activities like the PTSO Fall Festival, Story Book Parade, and Red Ribbon Week.

Bell Creek Academy/Bell Creek Academy High School - Dr. Margaret Fahringer reported a combined enrollment of 980. The school is going to be participating in Hispanic Heritage month, the

improvements made to the touch tank, and the success of the sports team. The school members are looking forward to Homecoming week at BCA and all the activities that are promoting school spirit.

Advantage Academy of Hillsborough/Advantage Academy Middle School — Mr. Keith Miller reported a combined enrollment of 467. The school highlighted on the success of the Bring-to-Dad school event, school soccer team participating in playoffs, cross country and volleyball off to a great start, and discusses the first spirit night at Beef Brady's. Many school wide events coming up that promote school spirit. These events include: Spirit Week, Treat Walk, and Career Day.

<u>Channelside Academy of Math and Science/Channelside Academy Middle School</u> – Ms. Cristina Fuentes reported a combined enrollment of 498. The school participated in Back to School Night, Dad's Day, and Science Olympics School-Wide competition. Many great activities are happening in the upcoming months. These include Boosterthon, Red Ribbon Week, Book-o-Ween/Trunk or Treat, and the Winter Concert.

<u>Hillsborough Academy of Math and Science</u> – Mrs. Brittany Deen reported an enrollment of 770. The school participated in Take your Dad's to School Day and students explore the meaning of Solar Eclipse as a teaching opportunity. The school discussed the events that are coming up in the following months: Career Day, Red Ribbon Week, and Book-a-Ween/ Fairy Tale Bowl.

Orange County Preparatory Academy – Mr. Jack Burkett reported an enrollment of 449. The school participated in the Bring your Dad's to school day, Skate Spirit Night, and Grandparents Breakfast. Mr. Burkett shared achievements to celebrate, which include a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and 6<sup>th</sup> grade scoring perfect score on their FSA exams and the great new partnerships with UCF STEM ambassadors, Robotics, and intramural sports.

<u>Independence Academy</u>— Mr. Shane Clark reported an enrollment of 897. The school participated in the Bring your Dad's to school day, Family Math Night, and Book Fair. The school also described upcoming events, which include Star Wars Read Day, Science Olympics, and Boosterthon.

<u>Sunlake Academy of Math and Science</u> – Mrs. Suzanne Elder reported an enrollment of 645. The school participated in the Bring your Dad's to school day, Grandparents Day, and Family Math Night. The school also shared many great events coming up, which include Science Olympics, Red Ribbon Week, and Fairy Tale Bowl/Trunk or Treat.

## Information Items

Mrs. Rogers asked Mr. Strader to present items under section D (information items).

- 1. Mr. Strader reminded the Board that the financial reports go out monthly. Any questions regarding financials may be directed to Ms. Jeannette Merced or to Mike Strader.
- Mr. Strader updated the board on charter renewals for Advantage Academy of Hillsborough/AAH Middle School, Bell Creek Academy MS/BCA High School, Hillsborough Academy of Math and Science, and Valrico Academy.

3. Mr. Strader reported on FY 17 audits and discussed the respective financial position for each school. There were no statutory audit findings. A paper copy of the respective audit reports will be sent in the next week.

4. Mr. Strader also reported that FY 18 Budgets are subject to amendment following the FTE survey.

- 5. Mr. Strader discussed the FY 18 Parent/Student Handbooks and Employee handbooks that were distributed to the board in their back-up documents.
- 6. Title One Report- Mr. Strader asked Mr. Miller to report on Title 1 activities for AAH and AAH
- 7. Mr. Strader discussed the new charter application for Big Bend Academy of Math of Science. He also informed the board that an application review meeting is scheduled for October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 with the District review committee.

## Consent Agenda

- 1. Approval of purchase orders and agreements
- 2. Approval Board Liaisons
- 3. Approval of Personnel Items Certification Waivers (Exhibit A)
- 4. Approval of 2017-2018 Student Calendar
- 5. Approval of 2017-2018 Employee Handbook
- 6. Approval of 2017-2018 Student Handbook

Mrs. Dean motioned to approve consent agenda items. Mrs. Rogers seconded the motion and the motion passed.

## Items Scheduled for Action and Discussion

- 1. Approve FY 18 Board Meeting Schedule
- 2. Approve FY 18 School Budget(s)
- 3. Approve FY 18 Title 1 Budget(s)
- 4. Authorize Board Chair to Accept and Approve FY 17 Audits

Mrs. Dean motioned to approve items 1-4 as stated above. Mrs. Rogers seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Board Member reports - The Board acknowledged the nomination of Ms. Detria Elsner as a parent representative to the Board. Discussion ensued regarding Ms. Elsner's appointment to the board. Ms. Dean indicated that she believed Ms. Elsner would be a good fit and addition to the board. A nomination was made by Ms. Dean to appoint Ms. Elsner to the Board, that nomination was seconded by Ms. Rogers and Ms. Elsner's nomination was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 PM