

RISE Academy School of Science & Technology
Board of Directors
Minutes
August 31, 2021

Members: Dr. George Peart, Loretta Haughton, Dorothea Jackson and Nancy Flores

Meeting was called to order by Dr. Peart @ 6:10 p.m. and seconded by L. Haughton.

Attendees: Dr. Morton (Exec. Dir.), Dr. Peart, D. Jackson, L. Haughton and A. Guerra (Principal)

Absent: Nancy Flores

Minutes: Minutes were reviewed and approved.

Executive Director Report:

- The Budget includes small projects for current facility (approved front door awning and playground repairs/upgrades).
- The Auditing Team preparing financial audit due September 30, 2021. RISE will finish the year with a positive fund balance.
- Salary increases have been factored into new budget numbers.
- Need to fill 2 teacher positions and add new teacher position to cover needs for additional 4th/5th grade classroom. Hiring teachers has become challenging for RISE as there is a teacher shortage in the State.

Principal Reports: SEE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Enrollment will continue for all grades. Substitute teachers are currently assisting with third and fifth grade while Human Resources are recruiting for full time teachers. Tutoring will begin in October on Tuesdays and Thursdays for 2nd through 8th grades.

New Business:

- The Facility search is still ongoing.
- All precautions are still in place; - mandatory masks, air purifiers and air filters, contact tracing. Third grade students are currently on quarantine.
- RISE Academy is now considered a "High Performing" school as the school has received another letter grade of an "A". We are awaiting the official designation from the State of Florida. We are hopeful this happens in the next few weeks as we are preparing to amend the Charter to increase the enrollment.
- The Charter Amendment will be delivered to the district office as soon as the official letter grade is received. The amendment request must be submitted before the March deadline.

There were no Public comments

The next meeting will be held on October 26, 2021 at 5 p.m. The meeting was called for adjournment by Dr. Peart at 5:30 p.m. and seconded by D. Jackson.

