



**TRUE NORTH**  
CLASSICAL ACADEMY

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## Board Meeting Agenda

True North Classical Academy (1000)

True North Classical Academy South (1002)

True North Classical Academy High School (7039)

February 21, 2020 ❖ 10:00am

9393 Sunset Drive • Miami, FL 33173

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### I. Opening Session

#### A. Call to Order & Roll Call

**Meeting was called to order at 10:07**

**Board Members present: Luis Diaz, Pete Windhorst, Rudy Pages, Ernie Rodriguez**

**Others present: Dr Marc Snyder, Jeanine Finlay, Michael Bileca**

#### B. Agenda - Approval of Agenda

**Moved by Luis Diaz, Seconded by Rudy Pages. Approved unanimously.**

### II. Reports

#### A. School Progress Report

**Jeanine Finlay gave a school progress update for K-8. Enrollment in True North South was at projections, enrollment at True North Academy (1000) was at projections, Applications received for the 2020-21 school year are currently at 1,150.**

**Recruiting for next year is in process. Instructional Coaching development continues for Mrs. Rowlands, Mr. Finlay and Mrs. Coile. Building Parent relationships - Planning three book study sessions with parents on the book The Coddling of the American Mind.**

**Currently have 21 parents signed up to attend. Testing - Writing assessments have been completed and improvements were noted. Satisfactory Progress is much higher this year than last year. MYA for Science completed for 5th and 8th grades. 5th grade 69.5% (Dade county 59.7%) and 8th grade 70.9% (Dade county 65.0%), Civics completed testing - results: 69.7% (Dade county 57.9%).**

**Dr. Snyder gave a school progress update for the True North Classical Academy High School. Teacher recruiting - attended Hillsdale College Fair. Conducted interviews and will be inviting five for a visit/interview demo. Student Life - Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic in March. Student Advisory Council is having weekly meetings.**

III. Financials

A. Review mid year budget - changes to security and busing.

1. **Motion by Luis Diaz to approve adjustment to 2019-20 budget Seconded by Pete Windhorst. Approved unanimously**

IV. Consent Agenda

A. Approve Minutes

**Moved by Luis Diaz, Seconded by Ernie Rodriguez. Approved unanimously**

V. Board Discussion / Actions

A. Additional Board Members

**Discussed Dan Nelson as a new member and adding additional members to the board within the next 12 months.**

**Motion was made by Luis Diaz to add two new Board members within the next 12 months, Seconded by Pete Windhorst. Approved unanimously**

**Motion was made by Luis Diaz to accept Dan Nelson as Board member pending Board interview. Seconded by Pete Windhorst. Approved unanimously**

B. Renewal Meeting

**In conjunction with the renewal of our contract with the District we request the following:**

**Term: As a high performing school, we are requesting a contract term of 15 years.**

**Student enrollment: As we are completing new construction and are zoned for 1,000 students, we would also request an increase of student count for grades K-8 to 1,000.**

**Contract language: We also request that the contract language reflect the latest True North contract negotiated with the District for True North Classical High School.**

**Motion was made by Luis Diaz. Seconded by Pete Windhorst. Approved unanimously**

C. Best and Brightest Distribution

**Motion was made by Rudy Pages to approve the distribution formula of the Best and Brightest funds. Seconded by Pete Windhorst. Approved unanimously**

D. School Recognition

**Motion was made by Luis Diaz to approve methodology presented for distribution of funds. Seconded by Rudy Pages. Approved unanimously**

E. Teacher Certification

**Motion was made by Luis Diaz to request the following Highly Effective teachers to be given a two year extension on their testing requirement from a temporary certificate to their professional teaching certification. They are rated highly effective and there are limited testing dates available. Jorge Finlay and Monica Suarez Seconded by Pete Windhorst. Approved unanimously**

F. Assign Principal

**Motion was made by Luis Diaz to designate Jeanine Finlay as Principal of True North Classical Academy Inc (1000) Seconded by Pete Windhorst. Approved unanimously**

- VI. Next Steps
- VII. Public Comments
- VIII. Adjournment

**Meeting adjourned at 11:30**



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Approved by Governing Board May 29, 2020  
Signed by Luis Diaz, Governing Board Chairperson