



TRUE NORTH
CLASSICAL ACADEMY

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Board Meeting Minutes

True North Classical Academy (1000)

True North Classical Academy South (1002)

True North Classical Academy High School (7039)

February 19, 2021 ❖ 10:00am

9393 Sunset Drive • Miami, FL 33173

Virtual Meeting Access

[Zoom Meeting](#)

I. Opening Session

- A. Call to Order & Roll Call Meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM
Board Members present: Luis Diaz, Rudy Pages, Ernesto Rodriguez, Kent Windhorst
Others present: Jeanine Finlay, Chereen Coile, Jose Nodarse, Michael Bileca.
- B. Agenda - Motion of Approval of Agenda
Moved by Luis Diaz, Seconded by Rudy Pages. Approved unanimously.
- C. Minutes - Approval of previous meeting minutes
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 and High School. The school is doing a good job trying to normalize during the times of COVID. For example, the school started a Co-Curricular for Highschool and Middle School Students. Every Thursday, the students are given an opportunity to choose a club of their choice (chess/coding/art/drama/film/mock-trial, etc). First year teachers are being coached weekly, with observation & feedback. Second year teachers are being coached bi-weekly. The veteran teachers are on a monthly observation feedback **cycle**. Bi-Monthly leadership coaching has gone into full effect this year.

Recruiting Update -

Chereen Coile explains on expanding- there are 20 teacher spots that need to be filled. Emphasis on creating a team that is aligned with the True North vision and mission.

South Campus Update-

Chereen Coile informs the meeting participants that there was a code red at the South Campus. The teachers/students did a great job to keep everyone safe during the lockdown. There was high praise and recognition from the parents.

Chereen then began to update the participants on the expansion of the South campus.

COVID Update- Over 92% of Students back on campus engaged and working hard. Currently at a 0.2% quarantine list, which is substantially lower than previously. The school is functioning as if normal, with safety precautions due to the pandemic.

B. Financials

Written financials were provided to the Board in the Board Packet. Financials were reviewed.

1. Introduction of Jose Nodarse, the new Director of Finance, to the board.
2. Reviewed the Income statement for the Charter Schools
3. Explained that we are under funded with the Capital Outlay, but we should be in line with our budget by the end of the year. Expenses are below budget.
4. Reviewed the Balance Sheet with the participants. Assets/liabilities/Grants//Debt Covenants/Cash Flow discussed.
5. The Florida Dept of Education issued executive orders: for the first 6 months the school's were getting funded based on the actual enrollment. However, they are now stating that the funds need to be based on the districts enrollment projections. Unfortunately, this projection is lower than our actual enrollment- resulting in an adjustment of -\$366,000.
6. Finance team has taken over many of the tasks from Building Hope. The goal is to clean up financials, pay vendors on time, get financial information out in a timely manner.

C. Update on the Executive Order

1. We are getting an additional chunk of ESSER funds which could make up for the loss of funds due to the Florida Dept of Education's ruling on what the base of the funds should be.
2. The district submitted 400 students enrolled, however we have an enrollment of 525 students. At the beginning of the year, the district was paying us based on our actual enrollment. However, the 2nd executive order came out stating that funds need to be based off of the district's projected enrollment.

D. Construction project update

1. South project was delayed due to permitting issues.
2. Bi-weekly construction meetings will commence.
3. There will be morning/afternoon/evening construction in order to catch up on the lost time, and with the hopes of getting the project finished on time.

E. Updates on Student Registration 2021/2022

1. 2100+ applications for students who want to attend True North.
2. True North is gaining much recognition in our community.
3. Lottery cut off is on Wednesday- Parents will find out by Monday if the child was picked in the lottery.

IV. Public Comments

V. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:59 am



Approved by Governing Board

Signed by Luis Diaz, Governing Board Chairperson