

MINUTES

Belmont Academy Governing Board

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Date | time: 3/5/2018 7:07 PM | Meeting called to order by: Will Myers, Interim Chairperson

In Attendance

Governing Board:

Will Myers, Secretary – present
Rick Bicknell, board member – present
Luke Sparks, board member – present
Katie Tyler, board member – present
Jessica Klanderud, board member – present
Jonny Handy, Treasurer – present

Belmont Academy:

Lawton Unrau, CEO
Ron Barker, Principal
Dominique Ward, Assistant Principal
Laura Tyler, Teacher
Sandra Heitzman, PTO President

A Quorum was present (6 directors of 6).

Public notice has been confirmed regarding this board meeting

Present from the Public:

April Ganskop
Dave Simque, Contractor

Agenda

Mr. Myers acting Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:07pm. Director and staff attendance was taken and recorded. It was confirmed that there was public notice provided for the meeting.

General Business:

1. Appoint the Representative to Facilitate Parental Involvement per FS 1002.33(9)(p)(2) currently held by Principal Ron Barker.
Ron Barker was appointed to continue in this role.
2. Review meeting notes February 12, 2018
The draft meeting notes were accepted and approved by the Board with no corrections.

PTO Report:

With the PTO president in attendance, Mr. Myers added a PTO report to the agenda. Sandra Heitzman, PTO President said that the extending the deadline of the color run fundraiser was beneficial reporting that \$16,349 had been raised. She added that there are also 3 business sponsors.

The A+ school celebration was a success. Funds raised from the bake sale and silent auction (reported around \$1,400) will going to playground upgrades. Mrs. Heitzman said that emails from the principal and daily progress reports assisted with the fundraising process.

Mr. Barker added that the book fair event was a good turnout and sales were greater than last year.

Principal Report:

1. Any matters related to facilitating parental involvement or representative duties presented.
Mr. Barker reported that there were no specific concerns to discuss.

2. Principal updates regarding the condition of the school, staff and student body.

Mr. Barker reported that the open enrollment lottery is in progress and continues through March 16. Mr. Barker said that when the lottery is run it will be announced and open for anyone to attend.

Mr. Barker reported that target enrollment K-12 is expected to be 475.

Luke Sparks asked how re-enrollment numbers were looking and Mr. Barker explained that he didn't have those exact numbers available for the meeting but could provide an update soon.

Will Myers asked if an update could be provided to the board regarding security procedures and updates as many stakeholders have questions due to the recent news relating to school violence.

Mr. Barker explained that it was a discussion at the recent staff meeting and that the school's crisis management team is meeting to review all practices and procedures and emergency codes. Mr. Barker explained that local law enforcement had been visiting the school on a regular basis for unannounced visits, which is appreciated by all. Mr. Barker added that the new fencing being installed over spring break will help with additional school security but there are many additional layers of safety that need to be considered. Some additional changes to fencing along the playground with upgraded materials was mentioned as well. A brief discussion regarding the legislative bills quickly working their way to Governor Scott's office was discussed. There are several measures that are expected to be in place as a result. The time table and the funding resources are not yet clear but Mr. Bicknell urged that administration be alert to what the school must do to receive the appropriate funding when the time comes.

CEO Report:

1. Brief review of Consent Agenda Items. Opportunity provided to move any consent agenda item up for board discussion and review.

Mr. Handy asked for a review of the consent agenda item regarding the Sick Leave Pool Policy. Mr. Handy made a few suggested language edits for clarity. The directors voted and unanimously approved the edits as suggested by Mr. Handy.

2. Additional new fencing is scheduled to be installed over spring break March 10-18.

Action Items:

1. Updated Budget.

After some review by the directors and opportunity for any questions and discussion the directors voted and unanimously approved the updated March 5, 2018 budget.

2. New building for 2018-2019 – Robotics/Engineering. Review lease of portable facility versus new construction design-build.

There was discussion with Mr. Simque regarding plans and procedures if he was contracted to build.

The directors discussed various facility options and the Mobile Modular proposal for lease or build. Mr. Unrau briefed the directors on financial options that are in the works for financing the additional building including Florida Capital Bank.

Mr. Bicknell made a motion to contract with Simque Construction, Mr. Handy seconded the motion and the directors voted unanimously to approve the contract with administration to work on any modifications to the plan itself and permitting application matters that must be resolved prior to funding a deposit to Mr. Simque. There is a price increase on the steel portion of the contract estimated to be around \$4,500 after March 13 if the process is delayed. Construction scheduling details will need to be worked out but it is understood that The slab Could be installed prior to school being concluded and the final project being certificate of occupancy no later than July 31, 2018.

3. Review of pending projects including lunch room sound dampening.

Luke Sparks made a motion to table this item, Will Myers seconded the motion and the directors agreed to delay further action, with the intent of working toward a possible summer time installation.

Additional Discussion:

Mr. Unrau requested an additional directors meeting to discuss specifically the DRAFT Belmont 2018-2019 budget and teacher and staff compensation for 2018-2019. The directors agreed to hold the meeting March 26 at 7pm at Belmont Academy and requested that it be announced accordingly.

Consent Agenda Vote:

1. Updated handbooks for 2018-2019 school year including:
 - i. Parent & Student Enrollment Agreement
 - ii. Dress code

- iii. Student & Parent Handbook
- iv. Code of Student Conduct

2. Sick Leave Pool Policy

As edited when reviewed as part of the CEO report above.

3. Dominique Ward is appointed responsible for managing Kelly Services employment staffing choices and selection matters. Staffing decisions related to Kelly Services substitutes will be reported to the school board for board review during each of the fall and spring semesters.

Mr. Handy requested that the hood wearing language in the dress code match for boys and girls. With no other edit requests, the board voted and unanimously approved all items on the consent agenda.

Comments from Board Members:

Mr. Bicknell commented that the direction of the school in preparing students well for college is good and needed. Mr. Barker added that over 25% of Belmont's 2018 graduating class will also graduate with an AA degree through FGC.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm by Mr. Will Myers, Interim President and Board Chairperson.