



## ASPIRE CHARTER ACADEMY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE:     October 5, 2015

### MINUTES

Meeting Called By	Mike Sullivan, President
Type of Meeting	Board Meeting
Facilitator	Mike Sullivan
Start Time	6:15 p.m.
Attendees	Mike Sullivan; Sharon Owen; George Miraeki (on the phone); Elaine Fitzgerald; Robert Summers (on phone); Tom Durkee, Mike Miller
Absent	
Approval of Minutes	Mike S. moved for a Motion to approve the minutes with a clarification of the budget amendment #1 that we voted on was for the last school year. Tom D. seconded the Motion and all members approved the minutes.

**Discussion:** Budget amendment, we have lost some 254 ESE levels, so we discussed adding more students. Our FTE count is due next week. We are looking to add more children during this school year.

\$372,000.00 is the correct budget number that should be reflected on the amended budget. We have approximately \$50,000.00 of non-recurring expenses. \$25,000.00 for the Sport Court and the rest is for the cost of the move, the new phone system and some new

furniture. We had to pay rent at two locations for one month as well. If we can get 23 new students. Motion to approve the Budget Amendment # 1 was made by Mike Sullivan and it was seconded by Tom Durkee and all agreed and the Motion passed.

**Discussion:** Senator Geraldine Thompson's visit was great and she seemed to be impressed by our school and let us know to call her if we needed anything. It was suggested to send the Senator a letter thanking her and asking her if she would do a letter for us for our charter renewal. We should get Andy Gardiner here to visit the school. Pam said she spoke with Eddie Moratin from Lift Orlando about coming out to the school for a visit.

**Discussion:** Regarding the Charter Renewal, on December 16, 2015 we are up for renewal. We have the renewal letter signed and returned to School Choice. We don't know if the renewal will be granted if it will be one year or five years. Greg Moody is now the Executive Area Director for Choice will be coming out to Aspire soon to visit us. Mr. G is now working one on one or one on two with several children who are working significantly below their peers and we should be seeing some changes. All of the students are making progress, with intensive interventions.

We will get a revised packet and we will fill it out and we will do a presentation and then they will vote.

**Discussion:** November 7<sup>th</sup> Pam's church (Summit), the families, the

board of directors and the staff are invited to help work on the garden area around the school.

**Discussion:** The sports court will begin to be installed next week. Sheree is working on the concussion policy now.

**Discussion:** Three of our teachers are out-of-field for ESOL. They are currently taking required courses. Letters will be sent to parents per OCPS Policy on 10/24/2015.

**Adjourn:** Mike Sullivan adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.