



NEXT ACADEMY, INC.
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
September 22, 2022
5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Raishrie Torres at 5:15 pm.

PRESENT: Raishrie Torress, Nomar Astrain, Miguel Martinez

Staff Present: Kristian Gellibert & Kristen Gellibert

PUBLIC COMMENTS (No comments)

1. REPORT ON NEXT ACADEMY INC. d/b/a NEXT ACADEMY (school).

i. REVIEW OF APPLICATION SUBMISSION & APPROVAL PROCESS

ii. Draft Application is pending update from FLDOE for new submission requirements.

iii. Letters of Intent will be submitted.

a. SCHOOL Mission, Educational Plan, Grade configuration & enrollment (see attachment A)

b. FACILITIES - School Start Up Efforts

i. working with local property appraiser to find a site.

ii. will reach out to Alliance Cos. <http://www.alliance-companies.com/> and similar companies to assist with the purchase of a site

iii. FINANCING: School site and startup costs for possible opening of school (pending submission and approval) for the 2023-2024 school year.

i. Discussed applying for the competitive State of Florida start up grant, pending approval.

ii. Discussed applying to the Charter Schools Program Grant

iii. Will be holding discussions with several banks and companies to provide financing for startup costs, FF&E, textbooks & computers at prevailing market rates.

A motion was made by N.Astrain to accept and approve the report for Next Academy, Inc. including attachment. The motion was seconded by M. Martinez. Passed unanimously.

2. NEXT ACADEMY, Inc.

a. Efforts to locate a suitable site and financing for school startup costs are ongoing

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:39 pm.



ATTACHMENT A: SCHOOL MISSION & EDUCATIONAL FOCUS

The mission for Next Academy Inc.(Board), d/b/a/ Next Academy (School) is to deliver the highest quality of education through implementing an innovative C-STEAM curriculum that is focused on creativity, and student-centered learning environment. Students and teachers will utilize the latest technology in the acquisition of knowledge and skills to succeed in a competitive global and technological society.

The School visions the establishment of a cutting-edge, student-centered learning environment characterized by innovation and creativity. In this collaborative setting, students and teachers leverage the latest technology to attain rigorous academic standards and develop skills that position them for success in a competitive global society.

At the heart of our school's vision lies the ambition to nurture students imbued with strong ethical values, intellectual development, and a dedication to learning. We prioritize a well-rounded education, placing importance on excelling not only in academics but also in leadership, teamwork, and a comprehensive C-STEAM curriculum. Encouraging personal growth and accountability, we promote analytical thinking through active involvement, cultural sensitivity, and academic challenges. Our vision extends beyond educational realms, aspiring to build a cooperative educational community involving students, parents, educators, and the local community. Ultimately, our aim is to ignite students' enthusiasm for learning, fostering creativity, and innovation, preparing them to make meaningful contributions to society. Embedded within Next Academy's educational philosophy is a commitment to nurturing students' comprehensive development—emphasizing social-emotional health, academic excellence, and digital literacy. The school, operating as Next Academy, envisions a learning environment where students are challenged with a dynamic curriculum tailored to individual needs while preparing them for the digital landscape through Computer Science/STEAM (C-STEAM) education.

A pivotal aspect of the educational model is the focus on students' social and emotional well-being. The implementation of the Leader In Me Program aims to cultivate a positive culture, fostering emotional growth. Additionally, Social Emotional Learning will be seamlessly integrated into the Computer Science curriculum, instilling responsible online behavior.

Inspired by innovative approaches like the Ron Clark Academy House System, Next Academy aspires to create a supportive community within the school. This House System encourages collaboration, healthy competition, and a sense of belonging among students. Teachers are pivotal to this vision, and Next Academy prioritizes their continuous development through personalized coaching cycles and targeted professional growth. Strategic staffing and resource allocation ensure a student-centric approach, with ongoing assessments guiding curriculum adjustments for optimal learning.

The school's leadership is unwavering in its commitment to academic rigor, high standards, and adherence to Next Generation Sunshine Science Standards (NGSSS) and Florida Benchmark Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) Standards. Data-driven decision-making is a cornerstone, empowering instructors to bring about positive changes in academic outcomes and personal growth. Annual goals, complete with measurable objectives, align with the school's mission.

With an anticipation of a diverse student body, Next Academy stands ready to provide robust support for student success while fostering collaborations with local entities creating a holistic and engaging educational experience.

We have a clear understanding of our target area students and their respective needs. We are innovative



The student enrollment breakdown by year will be as follows:

Year 1: 2023-2024	Grades __K__ to __5__ up to _____600_____ students
Year 2: 2024-2025	Grades __K__ to __6__ up to _____700_____ students
Year 3: 2026-2027	Grades __K__ to __7__ up to _____800_____ students
Year 4: 2028-2029	Grades __K__ to __8__ up to _____800_____ students
Year 5: 2030-2031	Grades __K__ to __8__ up to _____800_____ students