

FLORIDA EAST COAST CHARTER SCHOOL, INC.
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

June 15, 2021

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Florida East Coast Charter School, Inc., took place at 6:00 pm on June 15, 2021, at 10 Vining Court. A Waiver of Notice was presented to the meeting. Brian Seeber, Kathy Kluth, and Kayla O'Brien were present in person; Richard Prazenica participated by video. A quorum was present. Brian Seeber chaired the meeting.

Dr. Beverly McMurtry Grissom attended by invitation of Brian Seeber, as well as Jeff Cochran by invitation of Kathy Kluth, by video.

Jeff Cochran owns Stingray Technology Services LLC in Lincoln NE, and is a specialist in IT, security, and educational technology. He discussed a need for secure and temperature-controlled room for our equipment. The room we have is 5' by 6'. Wiring is outdated and needs to be upgraded. "Wireless" still requires an access point in each classroom, indicating that we need up to date hard wiring throughout the building, including classrooms, hallways, and administrative offices. It is better to install smart board and updated wiring when the rest of the buildout is being undertaken. We also need an IT tech on site; Level 1 avg salary \$30-35k; Level 2 avg salary \$45-50k; and Level 3 avg salary \$75k and up.

The Board discussed the playground. Kathy Kluth had an engineer look at the property. We need a playground area for K-2; one for Grades 3-5; and an outdoor classroom.

We need to get contractors in to provide estimates for buildout.

The physical plant was discussed in detail. Kathy Kluth discussed the playground issues, and the gym issues arising from the pits in the floor which have to be filled in in order to be used by the school. This is an expensive undertaking. The cost of that, plus the air conditioning costs to use the space, make it unlikely to be a part of the plan going forward.

The Board discussed the emails from Dr. Penn regarding her schematic for utilization of the space. After a full discussion, it was decided as follows:

1. The gym is not a part of the plan for utilization of space as of this time.
2. Outdoor playgrounds will need to be established per the conclusions of Kathy Kluth's contractor.
3. The ambience of the school requires repainting and new floor surfaces in hallways; the murals currently existing are not a part of the technological / STEM approach we envision.
4. The Train Area presents security and distraction issues, and elimination of display space for STEM projects, which are not an addition to the charter school. The Train Museum needs to be removed.
5. We need to get estimates/bids for the scope of work.

Brian Seeber moved approval of this position; Kathy Kluth seconded. All voted in favor.

We need a website up and running when the Charter is signed. Kathy Kluth is working on the revised budget (7/1/21 – 6/30/22) for the 501(c)(3) application, which Brian Seeber is working on with Shawn Arnold's office.

The Board discussed the VPK idea that Bob Vaeth desires us to permit be operated under our auspices. The Board resolved on Brian Seeber's motion, seconded by Kathy Kluth, not to be involved in any VPK this year: inadequate planning; no control by our Board; exposure if something goes wrong; wrong message to send to the School Board. John Gagné and Brian Seeber have already discussed our not being involved this year with a VPK run by Bob and Joy Vaeth; both John and Brian have told the Vaeths that neither Brian nor John would be interested in proceeding this year. The Board insists that Bob Vaeth change the sign to remove any reference to FECCS VPK for any operation he opens this year.

The Charter which we received from the School Board has been reviewed both by Dr. Penn and by Shawn Arnold, Attorney. A compare document shows no deviations from the form charter. Brian Seeber made simple stylistic changes for pagination and to use correct names for the charter school entity and officers and directors. Brian Seeber moved, and Kathy Kluth seconded, that the President and Secretary be authorized to sign the charter and submit it to the School Board through John Gagné. All voted in favor.

Brian Seeber nominated Dr. Beverly McMurtry Grissom to the Board. Her curriculum vitae was presented and reviewed; it had been circulated prior to the meeting. Kathy Kluth seconded. All voted in favor.

Richard Prazenica discussed two people he has identified as possible Board members, and he will pursue getting their information and identifying their level of interest, with a view towards nominating them at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.