

ACADEMY FOR POSITIVE LEARNING CHARTER SCHOOL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
September 24, 2020
AGENDA

- I. Roll Call/Attendance
 - Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting, August 7, 2020
- II. Financial Report
 - Student Enrollment = 90
- III. Board Action/Approvals
 - A4PL will be using District Threat Assessment Plan
 - Active Assailant Plan
 - FY21 School Hardening Grant – \$1,704.94
 - Coronavirus Prevention and Response (Sanitation & Cleaning) GEER Fund under the CARES Act
 - Teacher Salary Increase Allocation Plan & Preliminary Expenditure Report
 - FEMA
 - Need board approval granting principal permission to sign request letter for reimbursement for any grants or Federal grants for example Title one.
- IV. Building Update
 - Trespassing and Vandalism and Repairs
- V. Principal's Report
 - Charter School Reopening Plan – Approved
 - School Reopening Parent Survey Results- Survey 2nd- September 14,2020
 - Technology Grant
 - ESSER CARES Act Project Award Notification
 - FDOE: Free Optional Progress Monitoring Tool
 - Safety/Security/Fire Drills
 - SESIR Training- All trained
 - Rehearing Granted in Palm Beach Tax Referendum Case!
 - Amended School Security Contracts - 2020-2021
 - CAN/SWP/PFEP
- VI. Public Comments
- VII. Adjournment

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MINUTES

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Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM on Thursday, September 24, 2020 via web.Zoom videoconferencing.

Roll Call/Attendance: President/Secretary, Pattie Wesley; Treasurer, Peterson Magloire; Board Member, Darrin Stinnett; Assistant Principal, Rachel Bogard; and Principal, Renatta Espinoza.

Approval of August 7, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes: Motioned by Director Stinnett; seconded by Director Magloire. All in favor.

Financial Report

- **Student Enrollment** – Budget amended to reflect student enrollment of 90 students. October FTE dates are October 5-9, 2020.

Board Action/Approvals

- **Threat Assessment Plan** – A4PL opted to adopt the PBC School District's Threat Assessment Plan instead of implementing its own. After reviewing the District's Plan and agreeing with this decision, the Board formally adopted the School District's Threat Assessment Plan. Director Magloire motioned to approve adoption of the School District's Threat Assessment Plan, seconded by Director Stinnett. All in favor.
- **Active Assailant Response Plan 2020-2021** – Similar to our Crisis Response Plan, a Code Red will be activated should any school personnel detect an active assailant situation. An active assailant is a person(s) coming onto our school campus while actively engaged in causing serious bodily injury to another person(s). The Active Assailant Response Plan is added to our school's Crisis Response Plan; all teachers are trained on the procedures each year. Motioned to approve by Director Stinnett, seconded by Director Magloire. All in favor.
- **FY21 School Hardening Grant** – provides additional capital outlay funds to improve the physical safety and security of school buildings. Please note that the School District has not yet received funds for the FY20 School Hardening Grant from FLDOE. Due by February 1, 2021, A4PL is eligible to apply for additional FY21 funding in the amount of \$1,704.94. The Election to Participate form must be signed by the Board Chair and uploaded to Charter Tools by November 6, 2020.
- **Coronavirus Prevention and Response (Sanitation & Cleaning) GEER Fund Under the CARES Act** – additional funding in the amount of \$7,327.80 allocated to the school to assist in covering the cost of additional cleaning regimens necessary to create a healthier learning environment for students, teachers and staff. A4PL has elected to participate. Allocation of funds is based on reimbursement.
- **Teacher Salary Increase Allocation Plan & Preliminary Expenditure Report** – Total allocation \$20,180.67. 80% to be distributed to 3 certified, full-time classroom teachers (\$16,144.64); 20%

(\$4,036.13) to be distributed to one remaining teacher who is certified, full-time, but is not a classroom teacher (ESE teacher). This allocation is to be utilized to increase the base salaries of teachers to as close to \$47,500 as possible. Therefore, the new A4PL minimum base teacher salary is \$43,918. Note: This salary calculation is contingent upon one teacher receiving his certification from DOE by December 1st to be eligible to participate in this year's salary increase. Motioned to approve by Director Magloire, seconded by Director Stinnett. All in favor.

- **FEMA** – A4PL will apply for FEMA funding to cover 75% of the cost to acquire plexiglass shields for student desks and to support cleaning staff who went above and beyond to clean and disinfect the school due to the coronavirus. Funding is not guaranteed, but FEMA has indicated that A4PL should still apply for funds.
- **Approval for Principal's Signature** – Due to the pandemic, Board approved granting A4PL Principal permission to sign any request letters for reimbursement on behalf of the Board for any grants including Federal grants (ex: Title I). Principal currently has a reimbursement request letter for Title I in the amount of \$32,751.10. Board approved granting Principal's signature on reimbursement request letters. Motioned to approve by Director Stinnett, seconded by Director Wesley. All in favor.

Building Update

- **Trespassing, Vandalism, and Repairs** – Currently, we're up to \$1,500 worth of damage resulting from a person who trespassed on the property and removed all the copper wiring from the FPL electrical meters leaving us with no power in the building. City of West Palm Beach Police is now patrolling the school area at night. Board members suggest Principal look into hiring a private security company to monitor school at night.

Principal's Report

- **Charter School Reopening Plan** - approved according to FLDOE requirements.
- **School Reopening Parent Survey Results** – A4PL is following the specific guidelines of the FLDOE as well as the Palm Beach County School District in surveying our parents regarding sending their students back to school. First survey was sent out to parents and returned in August. Parents indicated they were not ready to send their students back to school. A second survey was completed by A4PL parents on September 14th indicating the parents are still not ready to send their students back to school. A third survey will be sent to parents in December to determine if parents want their students to return to school in January.
- **Technology Grant** – applied for funds to get tablets for all our students. Technology Grant administrators requested a copy of our School Reopening Plan to make sure that the technology requested is in alignment with our school's Reopening Plan.
- **ESSER CARES Act Project Award Notification** – A4PL was approved for the CARES ACT funds to purchase furniture for social distancing, sanitation supplies, etc. Charter schools may now begin to submit reimbursement requests, via Charter Tools, to the "ESSER CARES Act – Supporting Backup Documentation" benchmark dated 6/30/21.
- **FLDOE: Free Optional Progress Monitoring Tool** – available from FLDOE to provide public schools with a free progress monitoring tool to assist in measuring student progress in ELA/Reading and Math during the 2020-21 school year.
- **Safety/Security/Fire Drills** – As required by law, A4PL is continuing to follow District, CDC, and Florida Dept of Health protocols and guidelines in conducting required fire safety drills whether or not students are in attendance at the school. A4PL is in compliance with all emergency drill

mandates.

- **SESIR Training** – Principal, Assistant Principal, and Office Manager have all been trained on measures to handle certain threats on the campus. Verification certificates have been uploaded to the District.
- **Update Tax Referendum – Rehearing granted in Palm Beach Tax Referendum case** – The Fourth District Court of Appeal granted a request for a rehearing in the Palm Beach County tax referendum case. This means another opportunity for the case to be heard, this time with all 12 judges in the Fourth District Court of Appeal taking the case under consideration.
- **Amended School Security Contracts for 2020/2021** – Due to COVID-19, the dates of service for our security contract had to be amended and uploaded to Charter Tools. Task is now complete.
- **CNA/SWP/PFEP**- Parent review the documents with the teachers in conference and teachers review the PFEP with the students and parents also. Parents are reminded to look at our website and join our board meetings. They are held public.

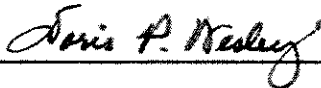
Public Comments

- None

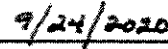
Adjournment

- There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:58 AM.

Next Meeting: October 20, 2020, 10:00 AM



Doris P. Wesley, President/Secretary
Board of Directors



Date