

## MEETING MINUTES

Name of Foundation: The Renaissance Charter School, Inc.  
Board Meeting: October 19, 2012

School(s):	Duval Charter School Arlington Duval Charter School Bay Meadows Duval Charter High School BM Governors Charter Academy Hollywood Academy of Arts & Sciences Hollywood MS Academy of Arts & Sciences IVirtual League Academy Keys Gate Charter High School North Broward Academy of Excellence North Broward MS Academy of Ex	Renaissance Charter School Renaissance Charter School Cooper City Renaissance Charter School CS Renaissance Charter School PL Renaissance Charter School Chickasaw Renaissance Charter Middle School Renaissance Charter School St Lucie Renaissance Charter School Poinciana Renaissance Charter School University Renaissance Charter School West Palm
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Date:	Start	End	Next Meeting:	Next time:	Prepared by:
10.19.2012	10:30 a.m.	12:40 p.m.	TBD	TBD	C. Standish
Meeting Location:					
Renaissance Charter Schools at St. Lucie, 300 NW Cashmere Blvd. Port St. Lucie, FL 34986					

Attended by:	
Ken Haiko, Chairman Dennis Clark, Vice Chairman Peggy Wells, Treasurer Thomas Wheeler, Director	Fernanda Gazmuri, Governing Board Liaison, CSUSA Kathryn Gillespie, Sr. Manager of Education, CSUSA Meredith Ross, Education Data Analyst, CSUSA Connie Standish, Governing Board Coordinator, CSUSA Dr. Sylvia Hall, Principal, DCSA Teresa Brown, Principal, DCSBM Dr. Adriane Peters, Principal, GOV Donte Fulton, Principal, HAAS Jackson Self, Principal, NBAE& NBAE MS Jody Evans, Principal, POIN & IVLA Ana Cordal, Principal, RECS & RECSMS Daniel Verdier, Principal, COOP Nathan Mariano, Principal, CHIK Robin Sandler, Principal, UNIV Mark Hage, Principal, RCPL Raymond Collum, Principal, PALM Einav Cabrera, Principal, RCSP Rachel Windler-Freitag, Principal, RCSSL Paula Swanson, Principal, IVLA
Absent: Lisa Peddy, Director	
Highlights:	

### CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to public notice, the meeting commenced at 10:30 a.m. with a Call to Order by Chairman Haiko. Roll call was taken and quorum was established.

### I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Haiko asked the Board to review the minutes from the August 3, 2012 Governing Board meeting and note any corrections or comments. Ms. Gazmuri noted the missing action item regarding the addition of Pinellas County to the charter.

Motion made by Mr. Clark with a second by Ms. Wells to approve the August 3, 2012 Governing Board minutes. The motion was approved 4-0 (1 absent).

Removal of Board Member:

Due to Ms. Peddy's absence from board meetings and lack of communication, the board agreed to have Ms. Peddy removed from the board in accordance to the RECS By-Laws.

Motion made by Mr. Clark with a second by Mr. Wheeler to remove Ms. Peddy from the RECS Governing Board. The motion was approved 4-0 (1 absent).

## II. SCHOOL REPORT

Duval Charter School Arlington

- Dr. Hall reported enrollment of 764 students with a budgeted enrollment of 835. Currently there are no staffing positions open for the month of October.
- Dr. Hall updated the Board on recent school visits by Quest on October 21st. She also reported on the last SAC meeting, professional development topics, and PTO updates.
- Numerous school, community and PTO activities were announced.
- Dr. Hall also informed the Board that even though the school is not required to create a School Improvement Plan, they are currently following their Action Plan.

Duval Charter School Bay Meadows

- Ms. Brown reported enrollment of 1237 students with a budgeted enrollment of 1230. Currently there is one staffing position open.
- Ms. Brown updated the Board on her Leadership Training and Leading Edge candidates, professional development topics, and PTO updates.
- Ms. Brown updated the Board on the maintenance issues with the general upkeep of the school ,and changes to the outdoor areas.
- Numerous school, community and PTO activities were announced.
- Ms. Brown also informed the Board that new smart boards have arrived for the Middle School and they are awaiting installation. Ms. Brown noted that her main concern was training her staff to use them effectively.
- According to Ms. Brown, there are approximately 719 students on the waiting list.

Duval Charter High School

- Ms. Brown reported enrollment of 200 students with a budgeted enrollment of 200. Currently there are no staffing positions open.
- Ms. Brown updated the Board on her Leadership Training and Leading Edge candidates, professional development topics, and PTO updates.
- Ms. Brown updated the Board on the maintenance issues with the general upkeep of the school ,and changes to the outdoor areas.
- According to Ms. Brown there are approximately 17 students on the waiting list. Ms. Brown also reported that they have hired new teachers, the school is slightly under budget, and they are currently waiting for Promethean Boards (smart boards) to be installed.

Governors Charter Academy

- Dr. Peters reported enrollment of 547 students with a budgeted enrollment of 684. Currently there is one staffing position open.

- Dr. Peters updated the Board on her Leadership Training and Leading Edge candidates. Dr. Peters also reported that they will have their first SAC meeting in January. Professional development topics, and PTO updates were also discussed.
- Dr. Peters reported an accident involving a parent.
- Numerous school, community and PTO activities were announced.
- Dr. Peters informed the Board that she needs additional time to train her staff on various technologies, she is currently looking for ways to implement her training.
- Dr. Peters has reported that she has one new student, and that eight teachers have transferred to schools that are part of the school district.

Hollywood Academy of Arts & Sciences

- Ms. Fulton reported a total enrollment of 1298 students with a budgeted enrollment of 1293 for the month of October. Currently there are no staffing positions open.
- Ms. Fulton updated the Board on her Leadership Training and Leading Edge candidates. She informed the Board that their School Improvement Plan for the 2012-2013 school year has been approved. She also reported on the last two SAC meetings, professional development topics, and PTC updates.
- Ms. Fulton also reported that their art teacher has been selected for the Teacher of the Year program for Broward County.
- Ms. Fulton updated the Board on changes to the building's Middle School Dance Classroom.
- Numerous school, community and PTC activities were announced.
- Ms. Fulton reported that new iPads and Apple TV's have been distributed to teachers in grades 3-8, and that they are currently awaiting approval to purchase additional LCD projectors and document cameras.

iVirtual League Academy

- Dr. Swanson has reported a total enrollment of 18 students with a budgeted enrollment of 75.
- Dr. Swanson has reported that the facility is being maintained by the Poinciana staff.
- Numerous PTO and community activities were reported.
- Dr. Swanson has also reported that her school has added six desktops to the student learning center, and that one Panasonic Learning Board (smart board) has been ordered.
- Dr. Swanson has also informed the Board that her school is currently processing two student applicants.
- Mr. Haiko informed the board that they will have updated information on iVirtual League Academy. Mr. Haiko also expressed his excitement over the concept.

Keys Gate Charter High School

- Mr. McKnight reported enrollment of 797 students with a budgeted enrollment of 800 for the month of August. However, they are currently at a total enrollment of 807 students. Currently there are 31 staffing positions open.
- Mr. McKnight updated the Board on his Leadership Training and Leading Edge candidates. He also reported on the last SAC meeting, professional development topics, and PTO updates.
- Numerous school, community and PTO activities were announced.

- Mr. McKnight informed the Board that they have just received their Apple TV's, iPads, and LCD Projectors. Staff members had their inservice training on September 26th.
- Mr. McKnight reported that the school currently has 280 students enrolled in 9th grade, 308 students enrolled in 10th grade, and 219 students enrolled in eleventh grade. Mr. McKnight also informed the Board that the school currently has 55 teachers employed.

North Broward Academy of Excellence & North Broward Academy of Excellence MS

- Mr. Self-reported enrollment of a total of 1018 students. Currently there are three staffing positions opened.
- Mr. Self informed the Board that he will bring updated information on the Leadership Training and Leading Edge candidates at the next board meeting. He also reported on the last SAC meeting, professional development topics, and PTO updates.
- Mr. Self notified the Board that one of his 4th grade teachers has been recognized as their teacher of the year. The Board offered their congratulations.
- Numerous school, community and PTO activities were announced.
- Mr. Self has also informed the board that 8 interactive whiteboards have been installed.
- According to Mr. Self, there are approximately 300 students on the waiting list, and one teacher has transferred to a public school. The school currently has 54 teachers employed.

Renaissance Charter Elementary School and Middle School

- Ms. Cordal reported enrollment of 923 students with a budgeted enrollment of 910 for the Elementary School, and an enrollment of 461 students with a budgeted enrollment of 450 for the Middle School. Currently all staffing positions are full.
- Ms. Cordal updated the Board on her Leadership Training and Leading Edge candidates. She also reported on the last SAC meeting, professional development topics, and PTO updates.
- Numerous school, community and PTO activities were announced.
- Ms. Cordal updated the Board on the changes and issues regarding the upkeep of school facilities and technology.
- According to Ms. Cordal, no teachers have transferred to public schools.

Renaissance Charter School Chickasaw

- Mr. Mariano reported enrollment of 622 students with a budgeted enrollment of 661. Currently there are 3 staffing positions open.
- Mr. Mariano updated the Board on her Leadership Training and Leading Edge candidates. He also reported on the last SAC meeting, professional development topics, and PTO updates.
- Numerous school, community and PTO activities were announced.
- Mr. Mariano gave the Board facility and technology updates. He also expressed his concern over the issue of his staff not being properly trained in the Student Information System.
- Mr. Mariano that there is a total of 326 students on the school's waiting list, and that he is looking to enroll more 6th grade students.

Renaissance Charter School Cooper City

- Mr. Verdier reported enrollment of 935 students with a budgeted enrollment of 932. Currently there is one staffing positions open.

- Mr. Verdier updated the Board on his Leadership Training and Leading Edge candidates. He also reported on the last SAC meeting, professional development topics, and PTO updates.
- Numerous school, community and PTO activities were announced.
- Mr. Verdier notified the board on various facility and technology issues.
- According to Mr. Verdier, there are currently 500 students on the school's waiting list, and that one teacher has transferred to another Charter Schools USA school.

Renaissance Charter School Coral Springs

- Mr. Hage reported enrollment of 1210 students with a budgeted enrollment of 1216. Currently there are three staffing positions open.
- Mr. Hage updated the Board on his Leadership Training and Leading Edge candidates. He also reported on the last SAC meeting, professional development topics, and PTO updates.
- Numerous school, community and PTO activities were announced.
- Mr. Hage notified the board on school facility updates. He also announced that the school has recently received new laptops for the students.
- Mr. Hage informed the Board on technology concerns.
- Mr. Hage announced that there are currently 460 students on the school waiting list.

Renaissance Charter School Planation

- Ms. Einav Cabrera reported enrollment of 646 students with a budgeted enrollment of 644. There is currently one staffing position open.
- Ms. Cabrera updated the Board on her Leadership Training and Leading Edge candidates. She also reported on the last SAC meeting, professional development topics, and PTO updates.
- Ms. Cabrera announced that the construction of the new play area is scheduled for either January or February.
- Ms. Cabrera informed the Board that the school currently has 40 teachers employed. About 25% of their staff have transferred to county public schools.

Renaissance Charter School Poinciana

- Ms. Evans reported enrollment of 610 students with a budgeted enrollment of 595. Currently there are four open positions.
- Ms. Evans updated the Board on her Leadership Training and Leading Edge candidates. She also reported on the last SAC meeting, professional development topics, and PTO updates.
- Numerous school, community and PTO activities were announced.
- Ms. Evans notified the Board of school facility and technology updates.
- Ms. Evans informed the board that there are currently 15 students on the school waiting list.

Renaissance Charter School St Lucie

- Ms. Windler-Freitag reported enrollment of 1307 students with a budgeted enrollment of 1290. Currently there are two open positions.
- Ms. Windler-Freitag reported on the last SAC meeting, professional development topics, and PTO updates.
- Numerous school, community and PTO activities were announced.
- Ms. Windler-Freitag notified the board on school facility and technology issues.
- According to Ms. Windler-Freitag, there are currently 262 students on the school waiting list, which is a decrease from last month.

Renaissance Charter School West Palm

- Mr. Collum reported enrollment of 615 students with a budgeted enrollment of 681. Currently there is one staffing position open.
- Mr. Collum updated the Board on professional development topics. School activities were also announced.
- Mr. Collum notified the Board that they are still waiting on the assembly of outdoor equipment. He also informed the Board on the school's technology issues.
- According to Mr. Collum, for the month of September there were approximately 111 students on the school waiting list.

Renaissance Charter School University

- Ms. Sandler reported enrollment of 943 students with a budgeted enrollment of 914. Currently there is one open position.
- Ms. Sandler updated the Board on the last SAC meeting, professional development topics, and PTO updates.
- Numerous school, community and PTO activities were announced.
- Ms. Sandler informed the Board on school facility and technology updates.
- According to Ms. Sandler, there are currently 201 students on the school waiting list.

Out of Field Waivers:

- The names of the teachers submitting out of field waivers from each school were noted.

Motion made by Ms. Wells with a second by Mr. Clark to approve the Out of Field Waivers. The motion was approved 4-0 (1 absent).

School Improvement Plan (SIP)

- Principals were given the opportunity to highlight any important issues listed on their School Improvement Plans.

Motion made by Mr. Clark with a second by Ms. Wells to approve the School Improvement Plans. The motion was approved 4-0 (1 absent).

**III. FINANCE**

Smart Boards Request- RCSCS

- Requests for new smart boards, which were previously not on the school's budget, were made by Megan from the school's finance department.

Motion made by Mr. Clark with a second by Ms. Wells to approve the purchase of smart boards for Renaissance Charter School at Coral Springs. The motion was approved 4-0 (1 absent).

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

Charter Development Update

- Chairman Haiko provided the Board an update on the development of 2011 Charters Windemere, Osceola, North Palm Beach, South Palm Beach, East Palm, Polk, and Seminole.

- Chairman Haiko also provided the Board with updates on the development of 2012 Charters for Doral, Miami Lakes, Tradition, West Duval, RCS #5050, and Broward.

## V. NEW BUSINESS

### Resolution to Authorize Mr. Dennis Clark

- Mr. Haiko announced that in his absence Mr. Clark should be authorized to sign documents in his place

Motion made by Ms. Wells with a second by Mr. Wheeler to approve the resolution to authorize Mr. Clark. The motion was approved 4-0 (1 absent).

### FCAT Benchmark 1 Update

- Ms. Kathryn Gillespie presented the results for the FCAT Benchmark 1. Ms. Gillespie informed the board that RECS schools were one of the top 50 schools that performed well on the FCAT Benchmarks. 92% of RECS schools made an A or B and 8% dropped a letter grade.

### Parent Contract for KGCHS

- Mr. McKnight informed the Board of his requirement to have the parent contracts uploaded and reviewed for verbage.

Motion made by Mr. Clark with a second by Ms. Wells to approve the parent contract for Keys Gate Charter High School. The motion was approved 4-0 (1 absent)

### Addendum to Lottery Policy- KGCHS and DCSBM

- Ms. Gillespie informed the Board that the lottery policies will stay the same. The only change that would be made is that Keys Gate Charter High School and Duval Charter School at Bay Meadows would be allowed to have same sibling preference when enrolling students.

Motion made by Ms. Wells with a second by Mr. Clark to approve the addendum to the lottery policy. The motion was approved 4-0 (1 absent).

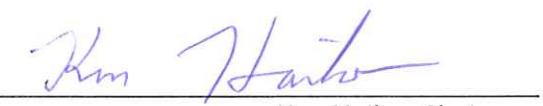
### FLDOE Charter School Accountability Changes

- Ms. Windler-Freitag presented the information, which outlined the policy changes to charter school accountability. During the presentation, Ms. Windler-Freitag noted that if charter schools received an A or B they would be rewarded, but if they received a D or F for the last three years they would be required to develop a School Improvement Plan, and to select a corrective action.

VI. OPEN FORUM

- None

Motion made by Mr. Clark with a second by Ms. Wells to adjourn the Renaissance Charter School, Inc. Governing Board meeting. The motion was approved 4-0 (1 absent).



Ken Haiko  
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Ken Haiko, Chairman

Date: \_\_\_\_\_