

Board Meeting



Date: September 26th, 2025

Meeting Time: 9:06 am

Location: Zoom Meeting

Meeting called by

Michael Kridel

Board Members Present

Valerie Silverman, Orlando Ortiz, Allison Delpesche, Sonia Kay, Tony Greene, Stephen Padula

Board Members Absent

Elinor Siklossy

Notetaker

Nadine Fagan; Recorded by Teams

Other Attendees

Jason Portman, Melissa Carman, Nadine Fagan, Janine Marley, Carlos Martinez, Charleen Morales, Jeff Wood, Kristen Belford, Aura Ortiz

Public/Board Comments

None

Board Minutes

Presenter: Jason Portman

Discussion: Approval of Board Minutes August 15th, 2025

Date of Minutes Reviewing:

August 15th, 2025

Discussion/Question:

None

Amendments made:

None

Motion Made by:

Sonia Kay

Motion Second by:

Tony Greene

Motion Passed:

Yes

Board Procedures

Presenter: Jason Portman, Jeff Wood

Fingerprinting: Ongoing

	-Jay Huebner is resigning from the board, but continues to help with fundraising, building development, and land planning. Term Sheet/Resolution Term Sheet-It's within the structure, within the ability to repay the debt, and it's executable. Resolution-A notice of intent to the IRS of the board to utilize that section of the code that allows for some of the money to pay off debt incurred during the process (i.e. Real Estate Surveys, etc.).
Resolution	
Presenter: Jason Portman	Approval of the reimbursement resolution
Motion Made by:	Stephen Padula
Motion Second by:	Sonia Kay
Motion Passed:	Yes
Annual Meeting	
Presenter: Jason Portman	Move the Annual Meeting to Oct 23th; joint meeting at 6pm, in person.
Motion Made by:	Stephen Padula
Motion Second by:	Michael Kridel
Motion Passed:	Yes
Treasurer's Report	
Presenter: Jason Portman	Screen share of Budget Vs Actual, GASB, and other documents sent by email/Zeke
	-Went over Financial Summary Budget Sheet (July to July 2025) Key as follows: Red- 20% off Budget vs Actuals, Yellow- 6-19% off Budget vs Actuals, Green- 5% off budget vs Actuals Revenue: red -down from budget, but up from last year, Expenses: in the green, Operating Profit: in the red- down from budget due to timing of fundraising and reimbursement, Fund Balance: In the green, Projects: in the green
Audit	

Presenter: Jason Portman	Approval of June 2025 Audit. See shared on screen and in email.
Motion Made by:	Tony Greene
Motion Second by:	Stephen Padula
Motion Passed:	Yes
Budget Amendment	
Presenter: Jason Portman	Approve the budget amendment. See shared on screen and in email.
Motion Made by:	Sonia Kay
Motion Second by:	Stephen Padula
Motion Passed:	Yes
ED Employment Agreement	
Presenter: Stephen Padula/Jeff Woods	Approve Executive Director employment agreement for 3 yr contract; at will; compensation can be reviewed yearly.
Motion Made by:	Sonia Kay
Motion Second by:	Michael Kridel
Motion Passed:	Yes
Teacher Salary	
Presenter: Jason Portman	Approve Teacher Salary Increase Allocation, see screen and sent in email.
Motion Made by:	Valerie Silverman
Motion Second by:	Orlando Ortiz
Motion Passed:	Yes
Principal's Report	
Presenter: Melissa Carman	Report on Screen
	FY26 -100 Students started our school year -Boo Hoo Breakfast was hosted for new families

-All staff positions are filled

-Currently we have 2 student openings we are trying to fill

Plans for the year

-Started PLCs.

-Curriculum and academic update

-Progress monitoring update

-Community outings update

-Curriculum night was September 15th and 16th. Had a good turn out from new families.

-We have more parents participating in our PTO SAC this year. It's very exciting.

-We will have our Annual Review with the school district charter school department on October 30th.

Title I

-Annual Meeting Oct 6th

-We'll be using some Title I monies to feed our families at the meeting; our MS and HS students will be preparing dinner for them.

-Title I funds are also being allocated to offer tutoring to our students after school. 6 teachers are providing the tutoring, it starts this week.

UniSIG (government) money was approved to pay for highly qualified paraprofessionals and a part time Reading Endorsed teacher.

Special thanks to Soni for setting up the Evelyn & Arthur event.

Johnny's Bread has been donating bread to us at the end of the day, also set up by Soni.

Upcoming Dates:

October 2nd No School, Yom Kippur

October 6th – Annual Title 1 meeting

October 13th- Evelyn & Arthur event for parents

October 17th – No School/ PPD Day

October 23rd- Read for the Record

October 31st – Trunk or Treat

Upcoming Events:

Draw the Line on Drowning – Extended through September

Fire Truck Pull – August 30th

- **Grants/Donations:** Debi has an ongoing list for viewing.

OOF Approval	
Presenter: Melissa Carman	Out of Field teachers approval; missing ASD endorsement.
Motion Made by:	Valerie Silverman
Motion Second by:	Michael Kridel
Motion Passed:	Yes
FCPCS Evaluation	
Presenter: Melissa Carman	Observe teachers at least once a month if not more and utilize the evaluation criteria.
Motion Made by:	Sonia Kay
Motion Second by:	Stephen Padula
Motion Passed:	Yes
Connect to the Future Fund	
Presenter: Jason Portman	
	Will revisit after playground install is completed.
Fundraising/Marketing	
Presenter: Charleen Morales, Janine Marley	
	-High School Tuition Appeal Going well, families are keeping up with their commitments -Firetruck Pull Ended up raising just under \$45,000; made some great connections with in the community as well. -Draw the Line on Drowning -Raised \$60,000 so far; will be ongoing for one more week. Hearts and Hands Gala -Save the Dates, Gala on February 28th ,will be going out with the Sponsor Deck Information. Invites to go out 2 weeks after the annual appeal. Annual Report Will be available for the annual meeting. The following week the annual appeal will be mailed out. The goal is to raise the money for the connections cares

	scholarships that fund those camp scholarships and families that need support with aftercare, looking to raise \$60,000. News -working on the Florida State Appropriation -the PPGACOC will also be sponsoring Connections Prom again this year. PTO Has already raised \$4,000 of their \$7,000 goal. We now have more parents involved to help increase participation.
Operations	
Presenter: Jason Portman, Carlos Martínez	
	Playground Updated as of September 15th. The playground is working it's way through permitting. It's cleared four of five departments. Transition to Office 365 Completed, Carlos will be available if anyone needs assistance going forward.
Committee Reports	
Michael Kridel, Tony Green, Sonia Kay	
	Finance: on-going Advancement: on-going
Old Business	
	none
New Business	
	none
Motion for Adjournment	10:20 am
Discussion:	None
Motion Made By:	Valerie Silverman
Motion Seconded By:	Michael Kridel
Motion Passed:	Yes
Calendar	

Next Board Meeting:	In person and Zoom Meeting Oct 23th, 2025 at 6pm
Minutes Approved	
Board Member:  Michael Kridel (Oct 26, 2025 17:59:27 EDT)	Date: 10/23/2025

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Final Audit Report

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