**Meeting Minutes**

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| **Meeting Title:** | **Monthly Meeting**  |
| **Meeting Date:** | 1/24/2018 | **Time:** | 5:00 PM  | **Location:** | Conference Room |
| **Facilitator:** | John Bailey | **Note Taker:** | Kylee Beaudette |
| **In attendance:**  | **Members:**(Chair) Shanaka WeerasooriyaMatt CatanzariteJoanne LainhartKathy Castellano | **Community:** |
|  | **Staff:** Steve SmithJohn BaileyKylee BeaudetteIsel Sisson |  |

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| **Agenda Topic** | **Discussion** | **Facilitator** |
| **Welcome** | Call to order 5:04pmQuorum establishedPledge of allegiance | John Bailey |
| **Approval of Agenda & Minutes**  | Agenda and meeting minutes were unanimously approved. |  |
| **Old Business** | There was no old business for this session. |  |
| **New Business** | N/A for this session | John Bailey |
| **Principals Report** | **Curriculum/ Assessment-*** We just started our 2nd semester and 3rd quarter. Our FSA writing will begin March 1st. We did our writing simulations last week. Testing will end May 15th with 8th grade Civics. For Science, we have used a program called “triumph” and we are looking to purchase this again. It helps put 3 years of Science into one program. We are hoping this will help prepare the 8th graders for the Science EOC.
* Governor Rick Scott recognized SKY Academy as the 2nd ranked middle school with improvement in English and 10th in math. We are working to get high school tutors again and it was suggested that they meet with the teachers for training before they tutor our students. That way they know what is expected.

**Business/ Long-term Planning-*** We have 3 open houses coming up. February 21st, March 21st, and Saturday April 7th during our carnival.
* Enrollment for our 2018-2019 school year is open. We currently have 30 incoming 6th graders enrolled.
* We were part of the district school showcase January 16th at the new SCTI building. There was a good turnout at the event.
* The current marketing plan for SKY consist of the YMCA sending post cards, emails, face book posts, radio spots and more direct mail. We even sponsored a logo on a shirt for Taylor Ranch. February 1st the YMCA billboards will change back to SKY.
* It was suggested that we put a team together for the United Way walk at Grand Paradiso. Half of the monies raised will go back to the school
* It was also suggested that we need to make sure our marketing is sent out in Spanish. We will be looking into how to do this.
* Our current enrollment is 229. This is the last count for the FTE allotment. We are getting back dated referential dollars of 100k. That was voted upon last night. We have lost 16 students during this school year, and 30 from the end of last year until now. This is a common theme for middle school. We lost 2 students and gained 7at the semester mark. We track reasons as to why they leave. They leave for various reasons and they mostly leave at the semester break. Students, not the parents, are making choices to change schools. Parents do not set up meetings to discuss issues when they withdraw.
* Bullying cases are very rare at SKY Academy. Most cases are just kids being mean versus a serious bully situation. No matter what, if any situation is brought forward, administration must investigate by law. We are looking into having an assembly about “kindness,” and feel it would work better is a small group setting versus having 270 students in a room. We have a counselor that comes in once a month to talk to a few kids by the name of Dr. Blackstone. She is a volunteer counselor. It has been discussed to have a counselor work between the 2 schools.

**Fundraising/ Community Outreach-** * Our color run-a-thon was a success.
* We just had our second quarter awards. We have noticed that our number of students with a 4.0 GPA is shrinking. Math seems to be the class they are struggling in.
 | John Bailey |
| **Board Chair Presentation** | Mr. Weerasooriya went on to say that Pat Ryan has taken over as the CEO and has been amazing. Steve and Pat did an amazing job getting the 100k in referential dollars for the school. Pat has been really stepping up and it is much appreciated. He also extended his compliments to Mr. Bailey and Mr. Smith for wearing multiple hats and running schools with such little admin help. | Shanaka Weerasooriya |
| **Community Comments** | No community present. |  |
| **Action Items** | Need to discuss at next meeting what Board members will be staying and finding new members.  |  |
| **Adjournment** | * Motion was made and approved to adjourn at 6:16 pm
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| **Next Meeting Date:** | 3/14/2018 | **Time:** | 5:00 PM  | **Location:** | Conference Room |

**Materials distributed with the minutes:**

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