**MINUTES**

**TIGER ACADEMY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2015 – 11:00AM**

**TIGER ACADEMY**

The December 9, 2015 meeting of the Board of Directors of Tiger Academy was called to order at 11:05AM by Chairman Tom Baker. Principal Charles McWhite introduced guest Lisa Meisburg who spoke briefly about her internship at Tiger Academy from the College of Education at the University of North Florida. Mr. McWhite gave the invocation and lunch was served.

Board members in attendance were Tom Baker, John Baker, Ted Baker, Jack Allen, Greg Atwater, Shelly Boynton, Nat Glover, Josh Martino and Representative Mia Jones. John Lock participated electronically. Staff members in attendance were Irvin (PeDro) Cohen, Penny Zuber, Charles McWhite, Brooke Cobbin, Cliff Harrell, Susan Golden and Nekita Nesmith. Lisa Meisburg, former Tiger Academy intern and recent UNF graduate was also in attendance.

Chairman Baker called for the approval of the minutes from the September 19, 2015 Board of Directors Retreat. John Baker requested minor corrections and the minutes were approved unanimously as corrected.

Committee reports were called for next. John Baker, chairman of the Finance Committee, asked Charles McWhite, Principal, to review the financial reports as of November 30, 2015. The financial deficit per child was noted and briefly discussed as was the balance sheet presented in a new format. The financials were approved unanimously as presented. Penny Zuber, CFO of the YMCA of Florida’s First Coast briefly discussed the questionnaire that was part of the 2015 financial audit by LBA inquiring about any potential risk for fraud due to accounting policies and procedures. After discussion it was decided that fraud risk is minimal due to the required separation of duties required by the financial policies of the YMCA of Florida’s First Coast.

Ted Baker, Chair of the Fundraising Committee, reported on the progress of the annual fundraising campaign to date, the Dean’s List campaign, and the upcoming donor events scheduled for 2015-2016. One event will be held in the home of Tom and Martha Baker on January 13, 2016 from 5:30-7:30PM. A second event will be held on March 10, 2016 at the home of John and Anne Baker. Approximately $200,000 is the goal of the fundraising committee for this school year.

The Governance Committee report was given by Shelly Boynton, Chair. It was reported that the fall monitoring visit was conducted by the Charter Office of the Duval County Public Schools on December 8, 2015. All areas checked to date are in full compliance as are all required contractual deliverables to the Duval County School Board.

Executive Director Susan Golden reported on the Curriculum Committee meeting in the absence of Chair Cleve Warren. It was noted that the first meeting on October 29, 2015 was primarily used to review and make suggestions on the draft of the strategic plan which is in the development stage.

The Tiger Academy Update Report was given by Charles McWhite, Brooke Cobbin and Cliff Harrell. Mrs. Cobbin and Mr. McWhite reviewed the latest draft of the Great School Plan and the Board members discussed the content and made suggestions to be included in the next draft. Mrs. Boynton will contact George Babish at the Metro office of the YMCA to ask for his assistance. The latest updates on the 2016 administration of the Florida Standards Assessment were given by Mr. McWhite followed by a student placement update from Mr. Harrell.

There being no public comments the Board moved into Executive Session at 1:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Golden, Executive Director

Approved:

Tom Baker, Board Chair