**South Prep Scholars Academy**

## Governing Board Meeting Minutes

### December 7th, 2023

REGULAR MEETING
START TIME: 6:32 P.M.
END TIME: 6: 50 P.M.
Location Zoom and 24555 SW 112th Avenue, Homestead, Fl 33032

Call Meeting to Order & Roll Call

Board Members Present: Antonio Sanchez, Maribella Lemus, Niurka Gonzalez, Daymara Vega Navarro

Board Members Absent: Jesus Bujan,

Others: Ruben Diaz (Management School Solutions), Maria Alba- Quesada, Dianet de Armas (Principal), Ana Bencomo (Governing Board Candidate)

1. Call Meeting to Order & Roll Call
2. Public Comments- No public Comments
3. Meeting Minutes for September 7th, 2023
   a. Maribella Lemus motioned to approve, Daymara Vega Navarro seconded; motion passed unanimously.
4. Address the Vacancy of Governing Board Member- *Voting Item*
   a. The resume for Mrs. Ana Bencomo has been shared with our governing board members. Mrs. Bencomo is a journalist and a member of our community that has shown an interest in joining South Prep Scholars Academy's Governing Board.
      i. Maribella Lemus motioned to approval, Daymara Vega Navarro seconded; motion passed unanimously.
5. Governmental Affairs Update- *Mrs. Maria Alba-Quesada*
   a. House Bill 3C: Family Empowerment Scholarship Program, passed during special session and the Governor signed into law on November 13, 2023.
   b. Committee meetings are taking place at the state legislature at this time. Priorities in Education are deregulations. They are discussing what they can eliminate or modify. Speaker Danny Perez's biggest priority bill is Senate Bill 7000/2/4, which is a Deregulation Bill for Deregulating Requirements for Third Graders to pass the state reading test and remove language arts and algebra exams as graduation requirements.
   c. Regular committee meetings will begin in Tallahassee on January 9th, 2024.
   d. The next State Board of Education meeting is scheduled for January 17th, 2024.
   e. Primary elections for the School Board will take place in August 2024 and General elections will take place in November 2024. Miami Dade County Public Schools has 4 districts (1, 3, 7, & 9) up for re-election.
   f. The Governor's Budget Recommendations for Education Fiscal Year 2024-2025 was sent via e-mail for your review.
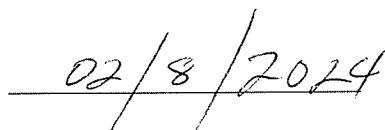
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6. Principal's Report
   a. We currently have 80 students enrolled. We have kept our enrollment at 80 since October. At the beginning of December, we sent out a reenrollment survey for our existing students and 99% of our students will be returning for the 2024-2025 school year.
7. Management School Solutions (ESP) Ruben Diaz
   a. Facility update- Pavement and Drainage have been approved. Pending to receive approval for the building permit.
   b. Planning for School Year 2024-2025, at this time we are planning to move into our land by next school year. We plan to move into modulars, we will begin negotiations on the modulars this upcoming month. By next governing board meeting, we should have finalized negotiations and will be voting on the temporary location. We plan on having four Kindergarten Classes, one first grade, two second and two third grade classes. This will increase our enrollment by approximately 80 students. We have aggressively started recruiting since November 1st and we have already received a total of 51 applications.
   c. Annual Budget for the 2022-2023 school year was sent for your review. We recommend a motion to approve the Annual Budget.
      i. Niurka Gonzalez motioned to approval, Maribella Lemus seconded; motion passed unanimously.
   d. Monthly Financials (August, September, October) - Along with our agenda the Monthly Financials for August, September, and October was sent for your review.
      i. Maribella Lemus motioned to approval, Roberto Hernandez seconded; motion passed unanimously.
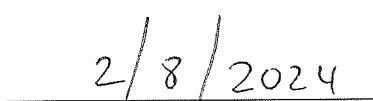8. Adjournment: 6:50 P.M.

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Antonio Sanchez, Board Chair                Date

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Niurka Gonzalez, Board Secretary            Date