



PALM BEACH
SCHOOL for AUTISM

**Palm Beach School for Autism, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
February 4, 2014**

Present:

Randee Gabriel - President
Dawn D'Amato – Vice President
Ann Levene-Eisenberg – Executive Director
Louisa Legato – Business Manager
Nancy Frank – Principal Preschool
Myra Mahoney – Board Member
Abby Girton - Director of Marketing and Development
Steve Carroll – Board Member
Russ Feldman- Board Member
Jerry Zel – Board Member
Juliet Bliss – Principal
Olive Balbosa – Principal Elementary
Nick Miles – Principal High School

Excused

Ruth Menor – Treasure

Guests:

Ken Kasinski – Account
Dawn Gelenski – Parent
Vidhi Sehgal – Parent
Marleen Russell
Jehn Betesh - Parent
Suzette Exantus – Parent
Neila Smith – Parent
Michelle Midler-Parent

Call to Order:

Randee Gabriel called the meeting to order at 4:00pm

Board of Directors Approvals:

- Board members reviewed minutes from the November 2013 board meeting. Dawn D'Amato made a motion to approve the minutes. Russ Feldman seconded the motion. All board members voted in favor.

Randee Gabriel welcomes members and guests and stated that we were advised by our attorney that we cannot answer any questions on our current situation that has been in the news because we are under litigation.

Ken Kasinski presented the 3rd amendment regarding our new high school addition. We will continue with the original contractor. The terms of this amendment are similar to the original contract. We will be building a 10,000ft second floor. Construction will start March 1, 2014. Completion scheduled for the start of the new school year August 2014.

Jerry Zel made a motion to approve the 3rd amendment as presented. Russ Feldman seconded the motion all were in favor.

Executive Directors Report – Ann Levene-Eisenberg

- Ann introduced our new High School principal.
- Passed out new staff structure. We are now set up with team leaders who meet two times a month.
- Administration costs will rise, looking for ESE contact.
- Also looking for a grant to fund a nurse.
- Putting together a Standard Policy and Procedure Manual. Received input from parents and staff.
- Looking to set up a committee for this manual. Board Members Steve, Dawn, Russ will participate. Parents also volunteered to be on committee:
- Dawn G., Michelle M., Jehn B and Neila S. Teachers and Principals will be participating as well.

Business Manager – Louisa Legato

- Presented budget and answered questions along with Ken Kasinski.
- We are right on target with our budget

Director of Marketing and Development - Abby Girton

- One of our grandparents put on a luncheon for the school and raised almost \$5,000.00.
- Louisa connected us to a horse community fundraiser and we received \$20,000.00
- Received a donation from a local Foundation in the amount of \$10,000.00 for technology.
- Switched our internet to Comcast for a faster internet service.
- Working on a grant of \$100,000.00 for a TV production program for the school.
- We are now part of the Autism Channel. We have 4 artists that come to the school to work with our children from Creative Arts Education.

Misc.

- Russ presented on a seminar he attended on Bullying. Gave us information to follow up.

Next Meeting:

- Scheduled for March 3rd at 4:00 (Subject to change to the month of April)

Adjournment:

- Steve Carroll made a motion to adjourn. Jerry Zel seconded the motion. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm

Respectfully submitted:
Linda Fischer