



PALM BEACH  
SCHOOL for AUTISM

**Palm Beach School for Autism, Inc.  
Board of Directors Meeting  
March 4, 2019**

**Present:**

Randee Gabriel – President  
Dawn D’Amato – Vice President  
Jerry Zel - Board Member  
Russ Feldman- Board Member  
Steve Carroll – Board Member  
Ann Levene-Eisenberg – Executive Director  
Louisa Legato – Business Director  
Allison Ballin - Associate Director of Education and Behavioral Services

**Excused:** Ruth Menor - Treasurer

**Call to Order:** Randee Gabriel called the meeting to order at 4:04pm

**Board of Directors Approvals:**

- Board members reviewed minutes from the December 3, 2018 board meeting. Steve Carroll made a motion to approve the minutes, Jerry Zell seconded the motion. All board members voted in favor.

**Business Manager – Louisa Legato:**

- Financial Statement reviewed, questions asked and answered, no further discussion.
- FEFP adjustment has been made due to count not being confirmed yet, but will break even after those numbers are in.

**Executive Directors Report – Ann Levene-Eisenberg:**

- First Certificate of Occupancy (CO) for new building failed; however, just minor issues, which were corrected and to receive the final CO at the end of March.
- It was stated for Project Next 2019-2020:
  - \*We have two staff members to run the kitchen in Project Next, they both will be certified with SafeServe and we will have the assistance of Duffy’s Executive Chef.
  - \*Because of the help and guidance Duffy’s Executive Chef has given to our new program, it was stated to get him a really nice gift (he loves red wine).
  - \*ScentsAbility Candles came for a visit and were very amazed. We are going to start small and slow.
  - \*WTPV Channel 5 did a story about the program and they will be present at the grand opening when that happens.
- It was stated the Charter Contract was still not completed. There are 4 outstanding issues.

- It was stated we had the Palm Beach School for Autism was once again the largest group at the Autism Walk. The kids performed again and were amazing.
- It was stated we are holding a conference on April 27, 2019 "Life with Autism", 8:30am to 12:30pm with a Continental Breakfast provided. There will be a Family Panel; small resource fair and the community is invited.
- It was stated we are working with Kathleen regarding Medical Marijuana and Service Animals.
- It was stated we received a grant to send our teachers to the CARD Conference as well as some Executive Staff to the Visions Conference, where Ann, Alli and Nicole were presenting.
- It was stated we had a State Audit and we did very well. The auditor was very impressed and congratulated us on being compliant.
- It was stated we have some community events to benefit the Palm Beach School for Autism coming up:
  - \*Motorcycle Ride
  - \*Ladies Luncheon
  - \*Casino Night
  - \*Golf Outing
- It was stated we were in the semi-finals for Impact 100. Our hope is to get enough money to purchase a food truck trailer.
- It was stated we raised enough money to order a 2nd van and will have enough funding to purchase 2 additional vans by end of next year. Our hope is to have 10 vans within 10 years.
- It was stated the Italian Dinner is sold out.
- It was stated the security company we are using for our on-site armed officer is going very well.

**Associate Director of Education & Behavioral Services – Allison Ballin**

- It was stated we offered teacher and assistant training on behavior, mental health and mindfulness.
- It was stated the use of the iPads/iPods purchased through Title 1 is great for the curricula.

**Other Miscellaneous Announcements**

- No other business.

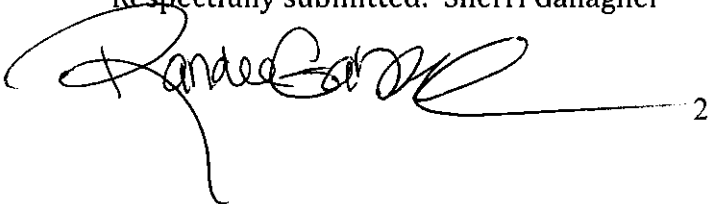
**Future Meetings:**

- May 20, 2019 @ 4pm.

**Adjournment:**

- Jerry Zel made a motion to adjourn, Dawn D'Amato seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.

Respectfully submitted: Sherri Gallagher



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