

Edge for Educational Excellence. Inc.
Minutes of the Meeting – May 20, 2014
Putnam EDGE High School
1100 S. 18th Street, Palatka, Florida 32177

At 3:00 P.M. the meeting was called to order by Ms. Freeman.

Present: Pat Freeman, Terry Hadaway, John Nelson and Grace Thomas
Absent: Dr. Melanie Brown/Excused

Public asked for comments: No one requested to speak.

Ms. Freeman presented the consent agenda. Motion was made to approve by Mr. Nelson and seconded by Dr. Thomas. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of PCSB Workshop held on April 29th was discussed. It was stated that PCSB attorney, Jim Padgett, requested a workshop with representative of EDGE board. Mr. Nelson agreed to attend since Ms. Freeman was out of town. Mr. Nelson stated, "Pretty much of what occurred at the meeting was covered in the PDN article".

Director Parsons stated the there were some corrections needed in the article:

*I did not say to Ms. Odom we were broke, but that I wanted to transfer personal funds so the teachers could cash their checks. I asked her if that was legal.

*Ms. Odom said yes it's legal. But, PCSB can cut our check early".

Ms. Freeman stated money was available for EDGE and just needed to be transferred if she had been made aware of it.

Mr. Hadaway inquired if Ms. Odom or the PCSB had called any of the EDGE Board Members prior to a called public meeting that it was going to be held or matters of the meeting. All board members stated no.

Mr. Hood stated Ms. Odom had earlier sent a letter to the PCSB Board Members with her concerns of lack of FTE students and funding. However, this letter was not shared with EDGE Board Members.

Ms. Freeman stated that we knew that opening the school with only one grade would place a strain on Edge financially but we felt that it was the right thing to do to get the school off on the right footing.

Ms. Thomas stated that she has concerns that it was front page news in the PDN right at the time EDGE was recruiting students. Also, why was this done at this

time and not earlier if there were concerns from PCSB? Could this be intentional for EDGE to fail?

Mr. Padgett's letter dated May 8th was just received today. Ms. Freeman will begin preparing a response and forward the requested documents to him.

Old Business

Ms. Freeman provided an update to the FRS application. Director Parsons also stated the raise from the Governor's fund will be used to match the March-June 1st for service.

New Business

Ms. Freeman stated that the CSP Implementation 2 Budget will be finalized and send to PCSB for approval then on to FLDOE. The budget will cover NTN Fees and the purchase of laptops for the next school year.

Director's Report:

Enrollment cards were late being delivered by the post office for the first open house. As of May 20, 2014 there are 53 students enroll with 39 of those being former students and 14 new students.

Recruitment will continue with a second open house and throughout the summer.

The Tech Plan must be approved by the State in order to receive e-rate.

FCAT testing was completed.

Other. Phones are still being forward to Director Parsons since lightening struck system. Comcast is aware and working on the issue.

Fundraiser is being held to pay for end of year trip for students to Universal Studios scheduled for June 2nd.

Overturf Campus/College Road Property

Mr. Nelson stated June 10th is to be the delivery date for the college to deliver items to College Road Property.

Comments: Director Parsons stated teacher recruitment starts tomorrow on the 21st. Teachers and director will attend the New Tech Conference in New Orleans in July. Director Parsons thanked Jason for assisting in getting the technology issues resolved. Director Parsons read a letter from Principal Geri Melosh at

Children's Reading Center stating how much she enjoyed being on EDGE campus and what she observed.

Mr. Nelson stated nothing to report other than the lightning strike.

Ms. Freeman reported EDGE had to be in existence for 3 years to receive Capitol Outlay Funds unless we are recognized as a feeder school. Will need to clarify information before deciding how to proceed with remodeling of the College Road Property.

Director Parsons asked about the possibility of an articulation agreement with the other two charter schools in the district to make a feeder pattern for students. Mr. Nelson recommended asking Dr. Brown, since she dealt with that issue at the college.

Mr. Hadaway thanked the school staff for their time in assisting with G-Ps video.

Next meeting was set for June 19, 2014.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

**Grace Thomas
Secretary**