

# galileoschool

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FOR GIFTED LEARNING

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Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Galileo School for Gifted Learning duly called and held on October 17, 2023 via Zoom and at Galileo, Sanford, FL.

**Board members present:**

- ✓ Javier Rivera, Vice Chair
- ✓ Debbie Hahs-Vaughn, Secretary
- ✓ Joe MacLaren, Member
- ✓ Treva Marshall, Member
- ✓ Kevin Miller, Member

**Board members absent:**

- ✓ Michele Gill, Chair
- ✓ Jason Brodeur, Member
- ✓ Jonathan Wilkes, Member

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With the approval of the directors present, Javier Rivera acted as Chair of the meeting, and Debbie Hahs-Vaughn recorded the minutes.

On motions duly made and seconded, it was voted that the minutes of the meeting of board of directors from September 19, 2023 to be taken as read.

- I. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Celebrations/Recognitions. ~~Unofficially, Galileo won the Family Favorite again.~~ Building Hope is bringing someone to tour the school on Friday.
  - I. Board goals for the year:
    - *Continued alignment of school operations/curriculum with school mission and vision*
    - *Employee development and retention*
    - *Obtaining development/endowment funds to support our unique model of schooling*
  - II. Informational Items
    - Board members should schedule time to do an informal walkthrough of Galileo School and/or group meeting with Mrs. Nunez to check on midterm progress of both campuses
  - III. Principal Report (M. Nunez)
    - Mrs. Nunez attended a Charter School conference last week and was able to network with charter schools from across the country. Schools within the Massachusetts area were visited. She reported that the trends that we are seeing in education in Florida are similar around the rest of the county.
    - Galileo is finishing the first quarter. Teams are working well. CP is going very well. Galileo is working towards the daycare effort.
  - IV. Consent Agenda
    - Vote to approve the following out of field teachers (temporary while we wait for FDOE to get caught up on certifications).
    - Motion made, second, all in favor to approve the consent agenda.
      - Angela Olson (Riverbend, 5th grade)
      - Cassandra Albritton (Riverbend, Middle School STEM)
      - Morgan Henson ( Riverbend, PE)
      - Eryn Herrera (Riverbend, Kindergarten)
      - Joshua Brown (Skyway, Math Intervention)
      - Christine Dimatteo (Skyway, MS ELA)
      - Jaclyn Broderick (Skyway, MS Social Studies)
      - Heidi Thompson (Skyway, Music)
  - V. Committee Reports
    - Standing Committee Reports
      - Budget and Finance Committee (J. MacLaren). Riverbend, fiscal year end is deficit of \$248K, and this was budgeted but actual deficit is slightly larger than anticipated. The financials appear to still be okay, but income is lagging. Skyway,

fiscal year end is deficit of \$18K, and this was budgeted but actual deficit is lower than anticipated. The financials appear to still be okay. Per Mr. MacLaren and Mrs. Nunez, IDEA funds are lagging. Dragon Watch revenue is down at Riverbend and there were some facilities expenses that were more than anticipated.

- Motion made, second, all in favor to approve the September financials.
  
- Curriculum Committee (M. Gill). No updates.
  
- Development & Grants (T. Marshall). The Westin Lake Mary will be the venue for the gala on April 12, 2023. The committee is working on sponsorship kits. The school is preparing to go after appropriation funding from the State.
  
- Marketing (D. Hahs-Vaughn). No updates.
  
- Special Committee Reports
  - Facility Committee (J. Wilkes). The school is moving forward with the daycare and some engineering aspects. These will be brought to the Board when available.
  
  - Strategic Planning Committee (J. Rivera)
    - Review and vote on Strategic Planning Committee recommendations. No updates.

VI. PTSA/SAC Updates. No updates.

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## **OLD BUSINESS**

VII. Review and vote on approval: Riverbend budget modification. Motion made, second, all in favor to approve the modified Riverbend budget.

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## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comments were addressed.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

- VIII. Review and approve Riverbend and Skyway audits. Motion made, second, all in favor to approve the Riverbend and Skyway audits. Both audits were clean with only a best practice recommendation to diversify the savings funds to take advantage of FDIC insurance.
- IX. Plan faculty/staff Town Hall meeting. Tabled.

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**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

NOVEMBER, Nov 28<sup>th</sup> (combo Nov/Dec meeting)

- Meet with teachers/staff—employee Town Hall
- Review of quarterly budget
- Treva Marshall eligible for board reappointment
- Javier Rivera eligible for board reappointment

DECEMBER

- Board of Directors informally observes and evaluates School Principal

X. Adjournment

There being no further business to transact at the time, it was voted to adjourn the meeting.

Dated: October 17, 2023

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Debbie Hahs-Vaughn, Secretary