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Micanopy Academy Board Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2025

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Micanopy Academy Cafeteria

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Frank Williams at 5:36 pm. Quorum was established with the following members Frank Williams and Bee Huff. Nancy Brown was not in attendance. Principal William Powell was also in attendance.
2. Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes and Agenda: The previous meeting minutes were approved as written by a vote of 2-0. The agenda was read and approved as written by a vote of 2-0.
3. Business/Finance: William Powell said he would forward the account information to Nancy Brown for review. We did not receive approval for the loan.
4. Reports to the Board:
 - a. There was no previous business.
 - b. The contracts for the 2025-2026 school year have all been executed and signed. Ms. Phillips and Mr. Aroyo will not be returning next year.
 - c. Barbara Paulison was not present to give the PTO report. We want to have a PTO workday during the summer, possibly on a weekend. Frank Williams will forward a list of projects they can do.
5. Principal's Report:
 - a. The Principal's Report was presented by William Powell who stated that the reduction in income imposed by the Alachua County School Board will end June 30, 2025, and we will receive the regular amount of \$40,000 beginning in July. The best case scenario for student enrollment is 97 students and the worst case is 80 students. As soon as we know the actual enrollment, an adjustment will be sent to the school board. Things are still looking good and the hope is to return the paraprofessional position to full time.
 - b. Mr. Powell explained that we need a minimum of 95 percent of the students to complete state testing to get a school grade. When our grade previously dropped to a B, seven percent of the students with an IEP did not pass testing. We should be able to show a gain in comparison with the results of this month's testing. Auditors from the Department of Education are expected to visit this week.

The school office will be closed June 1, 2025 through June 16, 2025. The summer schedule will be in affect beginning June 16, 2025 with the hours of Tuesday through Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

c. The newsletter continues to be well received and has been a big success. We will consider accepting advertisements next year. Mr. Powell sent out a state of school address to all parents. Mr. Powell gets daily reports from the Department of Education on interested applicants and currently has an applicant interested in a teaching position.

Mr. Powell has been researching a cadet core tier program with the possibility of establishing a ROTC program for the middle school during the year 2026-2027. Mr. Bowden has previous military experience and has expressed an interest in working with this program. Mr. Powell has also been in contact with a local Army recruiter who is interested in doing afterschool PT a few days a week.

There are currently 10 to 20 Chromebooks in each class and the goal is to have devices for all students. We are using the IXL computer program which pairs up with curriculum standards to assist students.

The accreditation process has begun and we are compliant with the necessary procedures at this point. We are the number one charter school for maintaining security in Alachua County.

Of the thirty applications received for new students, twenty-seven have been accepted for enrollment in the fall.

Mr. Powell has requested parent involvement to assist with floors, doors and lighting. Mr. Powell has been in touch with Red Door about a sponsorship for supplies.

6. Board Business:

a. President Report: Frank Williams stated that we need to reach out more in the local community and suggested trying to set up a meeting with the city officials. Mr. Williams said he is confident we will have a great new year. We have to keep pushing to become better and we need to be enthusiastic at the beginning of the school year in August.

b. Proposed Date for the Next Board Meeting: The next meeting will be on August 5, 2025 at 5:30 pm.

7. Remarks from Board Members on Non-Agenda Items: None

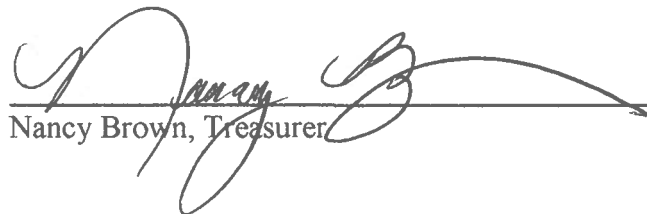
8. Public Comment on Agenda Items: None

9. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 pm.

Board Signatures:


Minutes by Bernice D. Huff, Secretary


Frank Williams, President


Nancy Brown, Treasurer