

Garden Montessori Charter School-
Flatwoods Campus
Initial Board Meeting Minutes
July 21, 2014 7:00 p.m.
Garden Montessori School
6845 N. Boyette Road
Wesley Chapel, FL 33545

Board Members:

Present: Cristina E. Perez and Richard Tschantz

Absent: Elizabeth Finlay and Kimberly Preston

Quorum Present? No

Others Present:

John Selover, Patricia Gutierrez, Stefani Ruskin and Darlene Pla-Tschantz

Proceedings:

Meeting called to order by Board Member Richard Tschantz

Consultant's Report: John Selover

In this initial meeting of the Board, Mr. Selover introduced himself and the staff of the Garden Montessori School to the Board Members present and provided an update of the Charter School Application Process and its progress to date. The Board was then briefed in more detail regarding the pending application. The application to the Hillsborough County School Board is due August 4, 2014.

Mr. Selover then reviewed the Governance Responsibilities and expectations of the Board of Directors including the requirement of the Board Members to attend the Florida Charter School Governance Training course. A discussion was held regarding "School Financial Services" (SFS), a company that may be selected to provide the financial services for the new Charter School. Mr. Selover also discussed the future formation of "Garden Education Management" (GEM) to assist the Board in the Charter School's administration.

A discussion was held regarding the draft budget for the new Charter School along with options for the new school's physical facility.

Other Business:

Since a quorum was not present, future items to vote on at the next meeting were discussed, those include: Board Elections; Approval to file as a Not For Profit entity; adoption of the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws; a Resolution to file the new Charter School Application; approving a Board "point person" for District School Board communications and a loan approval letter.

Next Meeting: July 28, 2014 @ 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by: Richard Tschantz