

RENAISSANCE LEARNING ACADEMY

Minutes of October 27, 2016 Meeting Board of Directors

A meeting of the Renaissance Learning Center's Board of Directors was held on October 27, 2016 at the Els Center for Excellence, 18370 Limestone Creek Road, Jupiter, FL. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Directors present at the meeting included: Dick Busto (President), Colette de Labry (Secretary) Jim Sappia, Kyle Henderson, Hank Schmidt and Marlene Sotelo. Cyndee Zeck and Toby Honsberger were present by invitation.

There were no public comments.

Cyndee Zeck reviewed for the Board the financial report for the periods ended 8/31/2016 and 9/30/2016. As of 9/30/2016, the ending cash balance was \$598,059. As of 9/30/2016, excess of revenues over expenses was \$123,624. Year to date, revenues were at 14% of budget, and expenses were at 10% of budget. On motion made by Hank Schmidt and seconded by Marlene Sotelo, the financial report was approved.

Cyndee Zeck presented and the Board discussed the bonus compensation for the Executive Director. She confirmed that Toby Honsberger had achieved all of the goals established for him in fiscal year 2016, entitling him to a bonus of \$16,000. On motion made by Kyle Henderson and seconded by Jim Sappia, the Board voted to award the amount of \$16,000 as a bonus to Toby. Toby requested that he be provided with new goals for fiscal year 2017. Marlene Sotelo suggested that Toby find something innovative to ensure a seamless integration with The Learning Center. Board members were requested by Dick Busto to come up with additional ideas.

Toby Honsberger provided the executive Director Report:

- The reservation by architects of space at the Els Center for use as RLA's vocational labs was discussed.
- After school social groups were to be formed in January 2017 to provide purposeful, programmatic aftercare for the students joining these groups.
- Bowling was added as a physical education activity for students.
- Palm Beach County agreed to partially fund amounts necessary to convert 140 acres of area in the North Jupiter Flatwoods preserve into an autism-friendly natural area which would include visual signs and guides, swings in the recreation area, and fencing around areas with water. Natural plant species would be planted as well.

Dick Busto noted that Damon Page had resigned from the Board. He requested an accounting from Cyndee Zeck of amounts spent by RLA to participate in Dr. Damon's Scripps study. Assuming the Scripps study would not proceed, Dick intended to ask Scripps for a donation to RLA equal to twice that amount.

Marlene Sotelo provided an update on The Learning Center and Els Center.

- Dirt Works had been selected to design and construct a sensory garden at the Els Center, with a budget of approximately \$600,000.
- Upcoming professional events at the Els Center included Autism Innovations and Global Impact Conference scheduled for April 28 and 29, 2017.
- The manufacturer of Tovertafel, a game designed in the Netherlands which detects hand and arm movement and projects interactive light animations onto a surface, is requesting to use the Els Center as a beta test site. It will design games and activities for students with ASD, and will donate a free Tovertafel system in return.

Fundraising activities were then discussed. Vans/buses purchased through grants were scheduled for delivery in November. Scheduled events coming up included:

- Rooney Golf Tournament, October 31, 2016 at Trump National
- Renaissance Dinner for Autism (joint event with Els for Autism), December 4, 2016 at the Mar-a-Lago Club.
- Renaissance Food & Wine Festival, Saturday, February 11, 2017 at PGA National Resort and Spa.
- Matt Savage Jazz Concert COE - March 31st
- Awe in Autism COE - April 1st
- Rooney's 5K Run, Saturday, April 15, 2017 at Palm Beach Kennel Club.
- Craft Beer and Food Pairing Experience – April 21st
- Autism Innovations Conference, COE - April 28 & 29th
- Anglers for Autism Fishing Tournament, Saturday, May 6, 2017 at Jupiter Pointe Marina.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2016 at RLA campus in West Palm Beach at 12:00 p.m.

Upon motion made by Colette de Labry and seconded by Kyle Henderson, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Minutes of the meeting were kept by Colette de Labry.

Richard Busto, President