



Emma Jewel Charter Academy



"Helping the Village Raise the Child"

Board of Directors Meeting for Emma Jewel Charter School Inc.

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October 25, 2021

5:30 p.m.

705 Blake Avenue

Cocoa, FL 32922

1. Call to order- The meeting was called to order by Alton Edmond.
2. Pledge of Allegiance-The board members and the members of the audience said the pledge of allegiance and the school pledge.
3. Roll Call/Opening Statement – Board member Lacy Bussey conducted the roll call and the opening statement. Members of the board that were present were, Reginald Jones, Phillip Holder, Alton Edmond, Alexis White, Ross Whitely, Lacy Bussey, and Thomas Cole. Members absents were, Erik Jones.
4. Public Notice- Mr. Cole informed the board that the public was notified via social media and text message.
5. Public Input (3 Minutes Please)- For public input, Ms. Sheretha Wright spoke about concerns she had as it relates to her son's disciplinary consequences he received on the bus. Mr. Cole explained to her the protocol for resolving disciplinary appeals. Mr. Cole further explained that the governing board focuses on policy and oversight. The day to day operations of the school are handled at the school level. Mr. Cole obtained the contact information from Ms. Wright and stated that he would contact her with a propose resolution. Ms. Wright further explained how critical it is for her to have transportation available for her children. In addition Ms. Wright stated that she is a single mother raising 4 kids and the lack of transportation would be detrimental to her new found career. The next speaker for public input was Dr. Mariam Moore. She stated she was the grandparent of a scholar by the name of Connor. She voiced concerns/ questions about the school bullying policy. Mr. Cole informed Dr. Moore that Emma Jewel Charter academy follows all the guidelines of the Jeffery Johnson stand up for all act. Mr. Cole explained the guidelines for reporting the time frames for investigating bullying. Mr. Cole further explained the intervention strategies at the school level to support not only the scholar that are being bullies,



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but also the scholars that are perpetrating the bullying actions. Mr. Cole also explained the definitions of bullying and how it differentiates from peer conflict. Mr. Cole once again explained to the audience that the board is charged with policy oversight and the day to day operations are the responsibility of the school staff.

6. Approval of Board Minutes* from Board Meetings held September 27, 2021 * -Mr. Edmond entertained a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Lacy Bussey made a motion to approve the minutes and the motion was second by Mr. Holder. The motion stands at a 6-0 vote.
7. Monthly Financials* -Ross Whitley went over the financials for the month of August and the year to date. A motion to receive the monthly financials. Mrs. Alexis White made a motion to receive the monthly financials and Mr. Holder second the motion. The motion stands at a 6-0 vote.
8. 990 Draft* -Ross Whitley spoke about the 990 tax return. Mr. Whitley stated since we are a 501C 3 not for profit, we must submit a form 990; which is an informational tax return each year with our annual audit. Mr. Whitley also stated that he has reviewed the information presented in the 990 and the information reflects the true and accuracy of our finances this past fiscal year. Mr. Whitley stated that the board must vote to accept it before it is filed with the IRS. Mr. Edmond made a motion to accept the 990 form, and Mr. Reginald Jones second the motion. The motion stands a 6-0 vote.
9. Guardian Contract- Mr. Cole informed the board that the guardian contract has been terminated due to a couple of incidents with the most recent incident being the guardian for the schools attended a track meet with the scholars and was not wearing a jacket to hide his weapon. The school is now looking to find a new guardian and to be able to find the funds to support the guardian. Cocoa police department has been sending their officers over each day at the expense of the school. Mr. Edmond recommended that we get in contact with former law enforcement officers that will be willing to come in and help Emma Jewel out. Mr. Edmond mentioned Mr. Darryl McCullough. Mr. Cole stated that he will reach out to him.
10. ESSER II*-Mr. Cole addressed the non-enrollment funds question that Ms. Bussey had at the last board meeting. Ms. Bussey wanted to know if Emma Jewel would be able to claim the non-enrollment funds even though we did not spend money liking for scholars who were missing throughout the school year due to covid. Mr. Cole stated that they would allow Emma Jewel to



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use the funds for professional development. Mr. Cole stated that he could come up with \$100,000 in funds from last year that the school could claim now. Mr. Edmond entertained a motion to approve the plan to recruit further funds through the EEER II grant. Ms. Bussey made a motion to approve. Motion was second by Mr. Whitley. The motion stands a 6-0 vote.

11. Brevard School Mask Parental Opt- Mr. Cole informed the board that Emma Jewel will still be wearing the mask while on campus. Mr. Cole believes it will be best to re-visit in January when the scholars come back from spring break.
12. Track/Field E-Mail-Mr. Cole shared with the board an email he sent to the county athletic supervisor regarding a most recent track and field event. The email involved the level of supervision given by each school at the track and field event.
13. Blue and Gold Gala 2021- Mr. Cole discussed with the board the upcoming fundraising Gala. Mr. Cole discussed the importance of getting the word out to ensure the event would be a success. This was an informational item.
14. Adjourn The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm

Larry Bussey
Approved
12/14/21
Date