

MEETING MINUTES

Name of Foundation: Renaissance Charter School, Inc.
Keys Gate LGC

Board Meeting: July 23, 2015

School(s):

Renaissance Charter School at Wellington
 Renaissance Charter School at Pines
 Governors Charter Academy
 Hollywood Academy of Arts/Science School
 Renaissance Charter School at Plantation
 Renaissance Charter School at Palm West
 Renaissance Charter School at West Palm Beach
 Keys Gate Charter School
 Keys Gate Charter High School
 Duval Charter at Arlington
 Duval Charter High at Bay Meadows
 Duval Charter School at Bay Meadows
 Duval Charter at Mandarin
 Duval Charter at Southside
 Duval Charter at Westside
 North Broward Academy of Excellence
 North Broward Academy of Excellence Middle School
 Renaissance Charter School at Flagler Center

Renaissance Charter School at Central Palm
 Renaissance Charter School at Cypress
 Renaissance Charter at University
 Hollywood Academy of Arts/Science Middle School
 Renaissance Charter School at Poinciana
 Renaissance Charter School at Summit
 Renaissance Middle Charter School
 Renaissance Elementary Charter School
 Renaissance Charter School at St. Lucie
 Renaissance Charter School at Coral Springs
 Renaissance Charter School at Cooper City
 Renaissance Charter at Hunter’s Creek
 Renaissance Charter at Chickasaw Trail
 Renaissance Charter School at Tradition
 Four Corners Upper School
 Renaissance Charter School at Goldenrod
 Renaissance Charter School at Tapestry

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Date:	Start	End	Next Meeting:	Next time:	Prepared by:
July 23, 2015	9:33 a.m.	12:05 p.m.	August 26, 2015	12:00 p.m.	A. Craig
Meeting Location:					
Keys Gate Charter High School – 2325 SE 28 th Ave, Homestead, FL 33035					

Attended by:	
<p>Board Members: <u>Renaissance</u> Ken Haiko, Chair Dennis Clark, Vice-Chairman Tom Wheeler, Director John O’Brien, Director Margaret Wells, Director</p> <p>Absent: Preston Jones, Director Shane Strum, Director</p>	<p>Other Attendees: Corinne Baez, Principal, KGCS Jennifer Thermes, Assistant Principal K-2, KGCS Jennifer Gonzalez, Assistant Principal 3-6, KGCS Witnery Garcia, Assistant Principal 7-12, KGCS/KGCHS Gabriel Quintana, Teacher, KGCS Donte Fulton-Collins, Regional Director, CSUSA April Williams, Regional Director, CSUSA Stacy Schmit, Regional Director, CSUSA Robin Sandler, Regional Director, CSUSA Richard Page, EVP of Development, CSUSA Mitchell Wise, VP of Development & Board Relations, CSUSA Derek Kelmanson, Sr. Manager of Business Development, CSUSA</p>

<p><u>Keys Gate LGC</u> Margaret Wells, Chair Susan Bunting, Director Mark Lann, Director Luis Badillo, Director</p> <p>Absent: Raul Botana, Director Jose Torres, Director</p>	<p>Jeremy Serna, Manager of Performance Analysis, CSUSA Colleen Reynolds, Public Relations/Marketing Counsel, CSUSA Kal Gajraj, Director of Marketing, CSUSA Genevieve Colastin, Sr. Director of Student Enrollment, CSUSA Levi Williams, Board Attorney Allison Craig, Governing Board Coordinator, CSUSA</p>
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CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to public notice, the joint meeting of Renaissance Charter Schools Inc. and Keys Gate Local Governance Council commenced at 9:33 a.m. with a Call to Order by Chairman Ken Haiko. Roll call was taken and quorum established.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE

Welcome & Announcements

- Chairman Haiko welcomed the Keys Gate LGC and thanked Keys Gate Charter School for hosting the meeting at their campus.
- Principal Baez introduced members of her staff that were guests of the meeting, many of whom are currently in leadership training.
- Chairman Haiko congratulated Donte Fulton-Collins on her recent promotion from Principal of Hollywood Academy of Arts and Science to Regional Director of South Florida Region.

Approval of Keys Gate LGC Minutes from June 25, 2015

- Chairman Margaret Wells asked the LGC to review the minutes from June 25, 2015 and to note any changes.

MOTION: Motion was made by Mark Lann and seconded by Susan Bunting to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2015 Keys Gate LGC board meeting as recorded. Motion was approved (4-0)(2 absent).

Approval of Renaissance Charter Schools, Inc. Minutes from June 30, 2015

- Chairman Haiko asked the Board to review the minutes from June 30, 2015 and to note any changes.

MOTION: Motion was made by Dennis Clark and seconded by Tom Wheeler to approve the minutes of the June 30, 2015 Renaissance Charter Schools, Inc. board meeting as recorded. Motion was approved (5-0)(2 absent).

II. NEW BUSINESS (Keys Gate LGC)

Spring Survey Results

- Jeremy Serna introduced the Spring Survey Results for the Keys Gate schools and highlighted the changes that are reflected in the updated format.

- Renaissance board members inquired about a minimum threshold for survey participation to reflect a true sampling of those surveyed. Jeremy and Donte Fulton-Collins agreed that, while it isn't the best practice to require survey participation, they will work together to identify the methods being used in those schools with the highest participation rates.
- Principal Baez highlighted action plans for areas of growth.
- Keys Gate LGC members asked how their survey results compare historically to the results of the other schools governed by Renaissance. Comparative results will be provided to the Keys Gate LGC at a later meeting.

III. NEW BUSINESS (Renaissance Charter Schools Inc.)

Enrollment/Marketing Discussion

- Colleen Reynolds and Kal Gajraj updated the board on action plans for the schools that are in need of more specialized marketing techniques.
- The plan for Palms West includes increasing the visibility of the Cambridge program, as well as exploring the possibility of community partnerships with the local hospital and other businesses.
- The board was updated on the Duval Charter School at Arlington rebranding program which began with the board's approved name change to Duval Charters Scholars Academy (DCSA). It was noted that the action has positively impacted enrollment.
 - Another component of the rebranding includes the implementation of the "Leader in Me" program, which features a new school crest and blazers for the students.
 - Ms. Reynolds also highlighted that DCSA has an enthusiastic principal and supportive team.
- The board suggested that the impressive school buildings continue to be featured in the promotional materials.
- Genevieve Colastin offered an update on the enrollment numbers for the upcoming school year.

Approved Charter Applications Deferral Request to Miami-Dade for additional planning year

- Derek Kelmanson updated the board on the approved charter applications within Miami-Dade County and their upcoming expiration dates.
- The board discussed submitting a Deferral Request to Miami-Dade for an additional planning year.

MOTION: Motion was made by Tom Wheeler and seconded by Dennis Clark to authorize CSUSA to submit, on the board's behalf, a deferral request to Miami-Dade County for an additional planning year for the approved charter applications. Motion was approved unanimously.

Request for Charter Renewals

- Derek Kelmanson updated the board on the upcoming expiration of the charters for Renaissance Charter School at Coral Springs, Renaissance Charter School at Plantation, Duval Charter School at Baymeadows, and Duval Charter High School at Baymeadows.
- The board discussed the need to work with Broward and Duval counties to renew the charters for these schools.

MOTION: Motion was made by Tom Wheeler and seconded by Margaret Wells to authorize CSUSA to work with Broward and Duval counties, on the board's behalf, to facilitate charter renewals for Renaissance Charter School at Coral Springs, Renaissance Charter School at Plantation, Duval Charter

School at Baymeadows, and Duval Charter High School at Baymeadows. Motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of Principals

- The board was presented with the principal appointments for the 2015-16 school year. (See attachment.)
- Changes from the previous year were highlighted by the Regional Directors and the board discussed the appointments.

MOTION: Motion was made by Margaret Wells and seconded by Tom Wheeler to approve the 2015-16 School Year Principal appointments for schools under Renaissance Charter Schools Inc. as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

IV. OLD BUSINESS (Keys Gate LGC)

Keys Gate Leadership Discussion follow-up

- The Keys Gate LGC requested clarification on the assignment of an additional Assistant Principal within the Keys Gate campus.
- Donte Fulton-Collins clarified that the additional Assistant Principal was going to be assigned to the High School.

Traffic follow-up

- The Keys Gate LGC requested support to address a change in the traffic pattern by the City of Homestead.
- This was originally believed to be something that the developer of the school could support, however, Ms. Fulton-Collins clarified that the approach has to be at the school-level. She will work with Principal Baez to identify the appropriate contact at the City of Homestead for this communication.

V. OLD BUSINESS (Renaissance Charter Schools Inc.)

Update: RCSCS & UNIV/Coral Springs Charter School Articulation

- The Renaissance board previously requested an update on the possibility of an agreement with the upcoming Coral Springs Charter School expansion.
- Richard Page outlined some of the components of this potential agreement, but confirmed that these were early discussions and that if this would happen it would be 2017 at the earliest.
- There will be a legal and financial presentation regarding these articulation at a later board meeting.

2015-16 Meeting Calendar

- The board discussed the 2015-16 Meeting Calendar dates and meeting locations.

MOTION: Motion was made by Tom Wheeler and seconded by Dennis Clark to approve the 2015-16 Meeting Calendar for Renaissance Charter Schools, Inc., as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- The board discussed the challenges with the current fingerprinting process, as each county has their own specific requirements and procedures. As the board governs schools throughout the state of Florida, they are hopeful that a state-wide system can be established. Levi Williams will assist them in exploring their options to address this on a legislative level.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion was made by Margaret Wells and seconded by Dennis Clark to adjourn the July 23, 2015 Renaissance Charter Schools, Inc. board meeting. Motion was approved unanimously.



Ken Haiko, Chairman

Date: 8/26/15

ATTACHMENT

Renaissance Charter Schools, Inc. Principal Appointments 2015-16 School Year	
School	Principal
Renaissance Charter School at Cooper City	Amanda Padierno Delgado
Hollywood Academy of Arts and Science	Mark Hage
Hollywood Academy of Arts and Science Middle	Mark Hage
Keys Gate Charter High School	Corinne Baez
Renaissance Charter Schools at Pines	Daniel Verdier
Renaissance Charter School at Plantation	Lori Butler
Renaissance Elementary Charter School at Doral	Maria Torres
Renaissance Middle Charter School at Doral	Maria Torres
Renaissance Charter School at University	LaShonda White
Renaissance Charter School at Coral Springs	Diana Sierra-Krumrie
North Broward Academy of Excellence	Staci Valbrun
North Broward Academy of Excellence Middle	Staci Valbrun
Renaissance Charter School at Central Palm	Jackson Self
Renaissance Charter School at Palms West	Steven Epstein
Renaissance Charter School at Summit	Heather Czeskleba
Renaissance Charter School at West Palm Beach	Mike Lupton
Renaissance Charter School at Cypress	Rachel Mellion
Renaissance Charter School at Wellington	Andrea Reilly
Renaissance Charter School at St. Lucie	Nicole Luicci
Renaissance Charter School at Tradition	Stacy Schmit
Renaissance Charter School at Chickasaw Trail	Cindy Townsend
Duval Charter Scholars Academy	Michelle Thompson
Duval Charter School at Baymeadows	Kimberly Stidham
Duval Charter High School at Baymeadows	Kimberly Stidham
Duval Charter School at Mandarin	Dawn Lamb
Duval Charter School at Southside	Ashley Doty
Duval Charter School at Westside	Tania Woods
Duval Charter School at Flagler Center	Adam Cross
Four Corners Upper School	Denise Thompson
Governors Charter Academy	Dr. Adriane Peters
Renaissance Charter School at Hunter's Creek	Vanessa Suarez
Renaissance Charter School at Poinciana	Angela Feliciano
Renaissance Charter School at Goldenrod	Nathan Mariano
Renaissance Charter School at Tapestry	Jodi Evans