

AGENDA
OCALI CHARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Location: Room 200 Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2017 Time: 4:30 P.M.

INVOCATION
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ACCEPT AGENDA
MINUTES
CORRESPONDENCE

Note: If subjects presented in reports require discussion and/or a vote by the Board at this meeting, the vote will be taken during or at the end of the report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

PARENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bylaws Committee:
Finance Committee:
Fundraising Committee: Faces of Ocala
Library Committee:
Nominating Committee: Progress
Site Committee:
Transportation Committee:
Website:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Of continuing interest:

Status of identification and remediation of students who aren't performing at grade level

Status of Recruiting for 2017-2018

Other unfinished/old business

Status of EEOC complaint from former Spanish teacher Mrs. Salamanca: No response to summer 2016 ltr.

NEW BUSINESS

Audit proposal from Purvis Gray

2017-2018 Insurance

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Charter Middle School

ACADEMY of MATH, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY and ENRICHMENT
A Public Charter Middle School

Minutes of Board Of Trustees Meeting

Call to order: 4:37 PM – Sharon Murry

Date: April 19, 2017

Invocation: Leo Pacheco

Time: 4:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: Sharon Murry

Location: Suite 200

In Attendance:

Sharon Murry

Dr. William Murry

Jo Chabot

Leo Pacheco

Ro Chabot

Debbie Hart

Teecy Matthews

Robert Gallagher

Motion to approve the meeting agenda as distributed.

Item:	Moved:	Seconded:	Action:
Accept Agenda	Leo Pacheco	Jo Chabot	Passed

Motion to approve the minutes of the last Board Meeting:

Meeting:	Moved:	Seconded:	Action:
March 20, 2017	Jo Chabot	Leo Pacheco	Passed

Correspondence: None

Treasurer's Report: Bill Murry reported that this month's financial report was not ready yet and will be presented at the next Board of Trustees meeting.

Additional items discussed as part of the Treasurer's/Finance report:

- Reconciliation Problems
- April is also the worst month for accountants due to April 15 filings
- As of today the Square account had \$716 and the General fund account had \$29,233.08
- Explanation of the different funds the treasurer tracks

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report:

Item:	Moved:	Seconded:	Action:
Treasurer's Report	N/A		

Principal's report: Mrs. Matthews presented her Principal's report. Copy attached as part of minutes.

Additional items reported on:

- 4th 9 week progress reports go out next week
- Open concept going great
- Great Leaps - Reading
- IXL on hold due to testing
- Nature's Classroom – next week
- Testing going good – started on 4/10/2017
- Digital classroom plan
- 2 seats open in the 8th grade for next yea
- Today, the school started the waiting list for the 6th grade
- We have enough students for 4 classes of 6th graders

- Board verbally approved for Mrs. Matthews to go to 4 classes of 6th graders

Parent Representative's Report:

- Nice basket in school to recycle uniforms for new students
- Skating Party – End of year – for Parent's group – family skating party - \$6 per person or pay at the door. \$2 per person for the school – We should also invite the parents of incoming students.
- Need \$100 for deposit – will be applied to entire cost of the event.
- May 15, 2017 is the date to confirm
- We should also ask for a discount on food concessions for the parents.

Committee Reports:

- Facilities Committee: No report
- By-Laws Committee: No report
- Nominating Committee: Three people are being considered for next year's Board of Trustees
- Finance Committee: Part of the Treasurer's report
- Fundraising Committee: Currently there are \$125 in online bids
 Celebrity masks on way back but may not be here in time
 111 Masks are on line for the online auction
 Next year – need 6 months advance notice – need more lead time
 Feedback very positive
 Silent auction at the luncheon – 20% of the minimum and 100% of the over minimum
 Keynote speaker – friend of Mrs. Matthews
 Hilton - \$3,000 to \$3,500 at \$20 per plate.
- Library Committee: No report
- Transportation Committee: No report
- Website Committee: No report

Old Business:

- Salamanca EEOC complaint still in limbo.

New Business:

- Audit proposal from Purvis Gray. Ro Chabot moved and Leo Pacheco seconded that we authorize Mrs. Matthews and Mrs. Murry to sign the contract. Motion passed.
- Sharon instructed Mrs. Matthews to ID someone on the staff to do the insurance binders for the upcoming school year. Sharon recommended that Susan Lombardi do it.

Suggested activities recommended by the board for the school:

- Leo Club for the school in cooperation with the Belleview Lions Club.
- Experimental Aircraft Association – Women in Aviation.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 PM

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Call to order: Sharon Murry
Invocation: Leo Pacheco
Pledge of Allegiance: Sharon

Date: 20 March 2017
Time: 4:37 PM
Location: Suite 200

In Attendance:

Sharon Murry	Leo Pacheco	Joseph Smith
Jo Chabot	Ro Chabot	Debbie Hart
Teecy Matthews	Claudette Lynch (visitor)	

Motion to approve the meeting agenda as distributed.

Item:	Moved:	Seconded:	Action:
Accept Agenda	Ro Chabot	Jo Chabot	Passed

Motion to approve the minutes of the last Board Meeting:

Meeting:	Moved:	Seconded:	Action:
21 February 2017	Leo Pacheco	Joseph Smith	Passed

Correspondence: No Report

Treasurer's Report: Bill Murry was not in attendance but sent the financial report to be distributed. Sharon asked that the Board take a look at it and would answer any questions if there were any.

Additional items discussed as part of the Treasurer's/Finance report:

- Questions re: Cash Flow
- Teecy is monitoring expenses daily
- Carter Johnson settlement caused shortfall
- Need event for parents to get together and to know each other.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report:

Item:	Moved:	Seconded:	Action:
Treasurer's Report			

Principal's report: Mrs. Matthews presented her Principal's report. Copy attached as part of minutes.

Additional items reported on:

- Up to 107 students
- New student previously attended bi-lingual school
- Teecy talked to Sharon Cox re: significant growth in August re: finances
- Great Leaps serving 80 students – 9 are about to roll out
- Nature's classroom – Ocala conservation center

- Flyers for next year's enrollment have gone out – mail service was able to do it for less than .49 cents
- Testing – 4/10/2017 until 2nd week of May – 5 weeks of testing
- Computer consultant is very competent
- Barriers are starting to come down to further open classroom concept.
- Staffing: Goal is to hire new teacher – certified K-6

Parent Representative's Report:

- No complaints
- Everybody feels things are great
- Need for family event
- Looking at a skating party as a fundraiser

Committee Reports:

Facilities Committee: No Report

By-Laws Committee: No Report

Nominating Committee: No Report

Finance Committee: No Report

Fundraising Committee: Leo Pacheco brought the board up to date on the progress of the "Faces of Ocala" fundraiser.
 Karen from Picasso's Palette has been very helpful.
 The auction may include other items that the Masks
 Need a letter aimed at individual donors
 Web site is ready to go for the online auction
 Auction Site:
 Charity On-Line System
 5% charge
 Ties to the square account
 Area for bids
 Luncheon:
 Holiday Inn or Hilton –who comes back with best deal
 Keynote speaker

Library Committee: No Report

Transportation Committee: No Report

Website Committee: No Report

Unfinished Business:

Status update on the identification and remediation of students who aren't performing at grade level was presented by Mrs. Matthews.

Other Unfinished/Old Business:

Sharon reported on the settlement of the Carter Johnson case and the costs to the school as part of that settlement.

Nothing new on the status of Mrs. Salamanca's EEOC Complaint other than it is covered by insurance.

Short discussion on the charter revision and that Leo and Ro will be working on that project.

The index and reference book of Ocali Policies and Procedures has been completed.

New Business:

There was a discussion re: the renting of suite 105 for the upcoming school year. The cost would start at \$1,000 per month with yearly increases. They Board agreed with Mrs. Matthews that we did not want to be 'house poor' and would rather commit the monies to tech.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 PM

Ocali Charter Middle School
Principal's Report – April
Teecy Bondank Matthews

Student Count: 40 – 6th Grade (14 Females / 26 Boys)
37 - 7th Grade (17 Females / 20 Boys)
30 - 8th Grade (10 Females / 20 Boys)

- Focus for the month: SYNERGIZE
- 4TH Nine Weeks Progress Reports will go home next Thursday.
- Great Leaps -
- IXL – Has been put on hold while students test
- Natures Classroom – Wednesday April 26, 2017
- Only 2 seats open – 8th Grade only
- Testing started on April 10, 2017
- Computers – Digital Classroom Plan

LOCAL & STATE

QUESTIONS? Contact Editor Susan Smiley-Height at susan.smiley-height@ocala.com

COMMUNITY

Senior menu

These meals will be provided by Marion Senior Services, 1101 SW 20th Court, Ocala. Lunches delivered by Meals on Wheels and served at congregate site; dinners at Marion Senior Services. (620-3501)

Monday: Sliced roast pork with onion gravy, yellow rice with tomato and pepper, black beans, Cuban roll, blended juice and low fat milk

Tuesday: Chicken Provencal, garlic mashed potatoes, carrot coins, whole grain bread, citrus fruit salad and low fat milk

Wednesday: Charbroil beef patty with brown gravy, potatoes au gratin, spinach, white bread, applesauce and low fat milk

Thursday: Club sandwich on

FACES OF OCALA

School launches mask project

Fundraiser will help buy computers and more

By Amy Davidson
Correspondent

As Theresa "Teecy" Matthews walks through the computer lab at Ocali Charter Middle School, she pauses and, with her hands spaced apart in the air, presents the modest collection of refurbished Dell laptops.

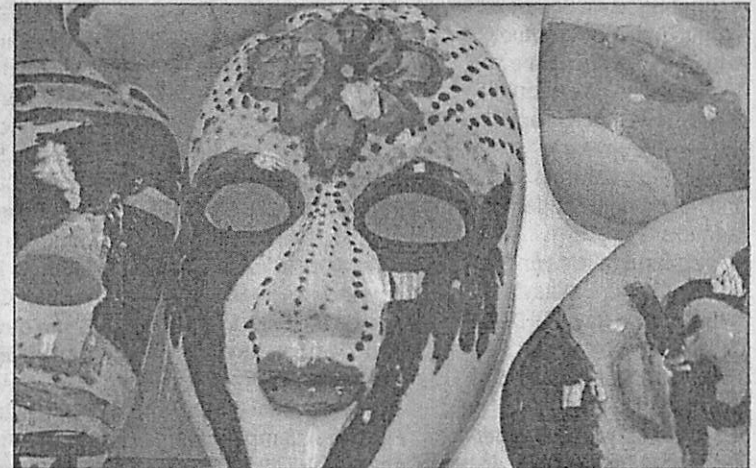
Matthews, the school's administrator, explains that there are only 40 laptops for the 150 sixth- through eighth-grade students to share.

"This is their world, technology. We're really hoping to bring ourselves up into 2017.

We need more laptops, desktops and Wi-Fi that reaches the entire perimeter of the school. Students often must complete technology-based assignments at home. We want them to do the work here," Matthews said.

Matthews' positive and proactive approach to her school's technology challenge led to the creation of the Faces of Ocala Community Mask Project. The collaborative art project unites community members and businesses with Ocali students and local artists.

"The concept behind it was to involve the children in their art and provide an opportunity



Some of the painted ceramic masks for the Faces of Ocala fundraiser are shown at Ocali Charter Middle School on April 7. Picasso's Palette donated the supplies and art studio time as part of the fundraiser to help the school purchase equipment for the computer lab. [AMY DAVIDSON/CORRESPONDENT]

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for folks to see the work that our kids are doing," Matthews said.

For a minimum \$250 donation, an Ocali Charter student, or a local artist selected by the sponsor, will design and paint a ceramic mask in the studios at Picasso's Palette, one of the sponsors of the project.

The completed masks will be displayed at various locations in Ocala. There also is an online auction through which to bid on completed masks. Each sponsor will receive two tickets to a May 4 Faces of Ocala luncheon, during which sponsors and benefactors will be recognized.

"Guest speakers will discuss changing the face of education and why that's so key-critical, especially in the world that we live in," Matthews said.

"Now, all the kids have to say is 'OK Google' and they can get knowledge. Teachers are becoming more facilitators and teach how to implement knowledge, how to use knowledge, how to make knowledge relevant to what they're doing, and that's the transition that our school is trying to take and model, not only for our district, but statewide," she added.

Eighth-grader Hunter Moore smiled as he held his completed American flag inspired mask for the first time.

"I didn't think I was going to see it when it was done," he said. "I think the project is cool. I've never been in a fundraiser and I like art."

The fundraiser also is part of an awareness campaign for Ocali Charter, where success rests on school choice. It is the only charter middle school in Marion County. The



Hunter Moore holds his "Faces of Ocala" fundraiser mask at Ocali Charter Middle School on April 7. "I like America," Moore said as he smiled, holding his mask for the first time since it was created at Picasso's Palette art studio. [AMY DAVIDSON/CORRESPONDENT]

students participate in an open-concept learning environment. Students, who work in small groups of five or six, are given daily and weekly Florida state standard-based tasks to complete, after which they can work on their gifted project.

"Everybody is gifted in some way and these kids get to identify what they are going to do. This is actually a new approach that we're implementing to help increase motivation, so you get your tasks done, you can work on something you're really interested in," Matthews explained while walking through a large cafeteria which serves as the common learning space.

"One parent put it best, she said, 'I want my child to be known,' and I thought that really was a great way of saying what we do."

The fundraiser runs through May 4. The school is located at 3233 SE Maricamp Road, Suite 106, Ocala. To learn more, call 264-9940 or visit www.Ocali.school.

Name	Expense	Donation	Cash	Check #	TOTAL	Date
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Smith (<i>Donation, 2 Luncheon Tix, Mask</i>)		\$ 250.00		3946	\$ 250.00	3/22/2017
Mr. & Mrs. William Murry (<i>Donation, 2 Luncheon Tx, Mask</i>)		\$ 250.00		7122	\$ 250.00	3/27/2017
Paid for Masks (Picasso's Palate)	\$ (1,500.00)				\$ (1,500.00)	
Vista Print	\$ (53.98)				\$ (53.98)	3/24/2017
FDACS	\$ (75.00)				\$ (75.00)	3/27/2017
USPS	\$ (28.75)				\$ (28.75)	3/28/2017
Belleview Lions Club w/ Kids Helping Kids (<i>Donation, 2 Luncheon Tix, Mask</i>)		\$ 250.00		3057	\$ 250.00	4/3/2017
Lt. Col. Edward & Lois Johnson (<i>Donation, 2 Luncheon Tix, Mask</i>)		\$ 250.00		5716	\$ 250.00	4/6/2017
Ro & Jo Trust 11-10 (<i>Donation, Mask, 2 Luncheon Tix</i>)		\$ 250.00		2383	\$ 250.00	4/12/2017
Ocala Garden Club (<i>Donation, no mask- 2 Luncheon tix</i>)		\$ 250.00		1004	\$ 250.00	4/14/2017
Belleview Lions Club (<i>9 Luncheon Tix</i>)		\$ 450.00		3066	\$ 450.00	4/14/2017
Connie Elaine Brown (<i>Donation Only</i>)		\$ 50.00		5779	\$ 50.00	4/14/2017
Miltiades Y Yiasemides (<i>Donation Only</i>)		\$ 50.00		1868	\$ 50.00	4/14/2017

Landscape, Sod & Beyond

250.00

\$ 392.27