

## Excelsior Charter of Broward Inc. and

## DbA Everest Charter School

### Minutes

Date: October 14, 2015

Time: 9:00am- 10:30am

Place: 10066 West McNab Rd. Tamarac

Attendance: Jaime Minor (Chairman), Wanda Vizcarrondo (Secretary), Cristina Reynolds (Director), Raul Baez (Administrator).

#### Agenda:

- 1) Financial statements, 2) Coach One Teacher Evaluation, 3) Title One, 4) Desk Top review, 5) Audit report for 2014-2015

JM: Initiated the meeting and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

- 1) The financial statements were discussed for both schools. JM, indicated that the financial Statement reflect a negative balance that need to be address in order to maintain a good cash flow. WV, said that during last meeting she raised the concerns with the budget for the current year, as she understood that many factors will affect the school enrollment and asked, CR how she did with local kindergarten schools? CR, indicated that she was able to recruit the 36 students for Kindergarten. RB, expressed that even with the new kindergarten students, we are not reaching the projected enrollment to support all the areas. Both schools are in the same financial situation due to lower enrollment. JM, requested the administrators to provide a financial plan to address the budget before is too late to recuperate.
- 2) CR, indicated that all the teachers did quarter one self-reflection teacher evaluation, and the results reflected an effective performance, however, few teachers require more coaching and mentoring to achieve a better performance. CR, said now the evaluators are implementing Coach One, quarter two tasks to evaluate all the teachers and keep providing growing strategies to improve teachers' growth. WV, indicated that coaching is crucial to achieve staff improvement. If our teachers improve, then the students have more possibility to achieve a better learning growth.
- 3) Title One: CR, informed that the school was approved to receive Title One funding for Everest but no for Excelsior. JM: Asked why no both? CR, indicated that the Title 1

depends on how many students are at poverty level and the school need to reach a minimum percentage to receive the extra income. Excelsior did not reach the percentage necessary to get Title 1 funding. RB, indicated that the additional funding is about 13,000 and cannot be used to replace any service that is pay with the FTE funds. The plan will include parent involvement, tutoring for students in the area of: Math, Language Arts and Science. These programs will be offered after school and will address the low performance students from 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. JM, said that he was happy with this additional help to the students and that it will allow Everest to reach the vision of academic performance for the students.

- 4) Desk Top Review for Excelsior: RB reported that the school was in the renewal process and the school did receive a review, finding deficiencies in the ESOL, ESE department and reading plan for Excelsior. As a results a Desk Top Review was in the process to analyze the deficiencies and to ask the school to write a corrective action for the deficiencies. The school did not get a grade and the District was investigating why.
- 5) Audit Report: The Board members discussed the Final Audit Report 2014-2015. The negative balance of both school was an issue that Mr. JM said that was the main priority that need to be address for everybody.

6) The Chairman of the Board JM, asked if the school has any new business to discuss and asked for public input. CR, indicated that the school did not have any new business. No public input.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30pm

Board Signature