

Athenian Academy of Clearwater and Ft. Myers – Board of Director Meeting  
In Ft. Myers, Florida

November 7th, 2019

Board members; Bill Nezer, Mark Tsetsi ( call), John Pantazes  
Visitors present; Paige Tavoularis (call in), Alex Veloudos, Wendy Lee

The meeting was called to order at 10:05AM. A quorum was established with the presence of Mark Tsetsi, and John Pantazes, Bill Nezer

1. Motion to approve last board meeting minutes ( 9/30/19). Motion by Mark Tsetsi and second by Bill Nezer. Motion passed by unanimous consent.
2. Clearwater/ Ft. Myers School Leader report  
See Attached
3. Presidents Report- by CHOICE Charter School Services-  
YTD financials presented for both schools.

Amended Budget for Clearwater presented to Board for approval-  
Discussed- answered questions- motion made by Bill N. to approve amended budget- Mark T.  
2<sup>nd</sup> motion- Motion passed unanimously.

Groundbreaking event set Nov 7<sup>th</sup> 1pm. ( after this meeting)  
Board members John and Bill attending

4. Motion to adjourn at 11:00 AM, motion by Mark Tsetsi and second by Bill N.,  
Meeting adjourned.

**ATHENIAN ACADEMY**

**BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

**Clearwater – Ft. Myers**

**November 7, 2019**

**In FT. Myers**

1. Visitor's that wish to speak (5 min.)
2. Approve last Board meeting minutes
3. School Leader Report  
Paige T. - Clearwater  
  
Wendy L. - Ft. Myers
4. President Report  
Choice Charter School Services (Management):
  - YTD Financials Clearwater/ Ft Myers
  - Approve Clearwater Budget (amended)
  - Update on FM project
  
  - Adjourn

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Conference ID:  
**198-743-089 #**

# School Leader Report

## Clearwater Campus

11/7/19

### 19-20 Actual Enrollment: 497 (maximum enrollment for class-size: 534)

K-3 students = 269 / 4-8 students 228 (Class size average 18 grades K-3 and 22 grades 4-8)

Grade	KG	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	Total
Projected	63	56	73	77	55	53	45	31	44	497
Over		+2	+1	+5			+1			+9
Under	-9				-11	-13		-13		-46
Waitlist	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

### Student Enrollment

- Survey 2 Date certain 10/11/19 student count was 494
- Since date certain, we have added 2 students to KG, 1 student to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 1 student in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, and 1 student in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We lost a student in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and 7<sup>th</sup> grade.
- School is accepting new students in effort to increase enrollment by Survey 3 in February.
- Kindergarten round up to recruit for the 20-21 school year planned for November 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30
- High school discovery night for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders is planned for November.

### Staffing Concerns

- Per recommendations by Choice and approved by the board; the school reduced staffing by 4 ¼ positions. A separate report outlining the actions taken is available for the board.
- Four additional teachers have put in resignations and the school is currently seeking qualified candidates. Teacher shortage, salary scales compared to the district and resources continue to be an obstacle. Administrators are currently teaching third grade until replacements are hired.
- Two former employees, Sayers and Barber will be rejoining the staff to fill two of the vacancies.
- Greek teacher from Greece has arrived and will be taking over classroom after Thanksgiving.
- Discussion regarding evaluations needed

### Parent Concerns

- Parental concerns regarding staffing are being addressed by administration
- One parent concern was sent to the AA board
- Website for communication needs improvement

### Academics

- Goals for 19-20 school year developed by Dr. Santa Lucia and Administration available
- School has implemented a Language Arts Department led by 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Ms. Smolen.
- School wide collaboration efforts for ELA are in progress
- School Improvement Plan needs to be completed - Choice assistance is requested
- Intervention programs needed for tier II students
- FSA 8<sup>th</sup> grade writing field test is scheduled November 18<sup>th</sup> as long as we have the latest secure browser installed by Choice.
- MAP winter testing for grades K-8 is scheduled the beginning of December.
- MAP Projected proficiency summary report for FSA reading and math available

### **School Safety**

- Safety push bar still needed for exit gate by big blue slide
- ERIP system presented at last board meeting
- Identi-Kid visitor tracking presented at last board meeting
- FSSAT submitted October 1<sup>st</sup> – copy provided to board
- Threat Assessment completed 10/1/19 – this is the second one this year.
- Safety vest concern was addressed with the staff. Additional yellow vests are needed.

### **Updates**

- School wide conferences held 10/14
- Red Ribbon Week was held in October
- School Leader attended Florida Charter School Conference
- Monster Mash student/parent dance, trunk or treat and Fall Festival were very successful. Fall Festival proceeds discussed.
- Kindergarten Round Up scheduled for 11/12 – continuous marketing plan to visit preschools being planned by KG lead and School Leader
- Picture Retakes 11/12 – Board members are welcome to come at 8:00 AM to be photographed
- Great American Teach in 11/13
- Thanksgiving break 11/25-11/29
- Holiday parade 12/14 4:00 PM
- Holiday program 12/19/19 Dunedin High School 5:30 PM and 7:00 PM

**Reminders:** New Board Members need dates for required training and fingerprinting

Submitted by: *Paige Tavoularis – School Leader Clearwater*