

EXCELSIOR CHARTER OF BROWARD and Everest Charter

Board Meeting

**March 22, 2019
10044 W. McNab Rd.
Tamarac, Fl. 33321**

Time: 7:00pm.

AGENDA

Minutes Approval

- Food Program Follow Up**
- Transportation and bus issues update**
- Pre-k program follow up**
- Fence, school sign, playground**
- Enrollment**

Public Input

New Business

Adjourn

Attendance: JM: Jaime Minor, Chairman: WV: Wanda Vizcarrondo, Secretary: RB: Raul Baez, administrator

- 1- Food Program Up Date: JM, greeted the participants and asked to update the food program vendor. RB explained to the Board members that after the bids, the management company as well as school personnel tested the food from all the companies and studied the fees for each vendor. After reviewing it, Dixie Catering was selected to provide food for all our students in both schools. According to cafeteria personnel, the students like the food and more students are eating every day.

- 2- Transportation and bus issues: WV asked RB to follow up on any transportation bus issue. RB said that a bus driver was replaced and now the school personnel is working better with them. The main issues are students not arriving on time and the drop off and pick up of the students. As a solution, the management company coordinated effort with the schools' administrators as well as the security guard to create practical rules for safety, and to organize the pickup and drop off of the students. All the students at Everest need to use the back entrance to alleviate the traffic.
- 3- Pre-K Program: RB indicated that he did contact Child Care Enforcement and they explained that the school need to follow all established procedures to get the license from the County as well as the city. However, RB expressed that in order to open a Pre-k program the school will need to invest money to build age appropriate playground, as well as to order furniture and supply for the students. JM, indicated that additional expenses for this school year cannot be added to the budget. WV, said that the management company needs to prepare projected expenses before we move forward with the pre-k program. JM, agreed with WV. RB will prepare the expenses associated with the pre-k program.
- 4- Title One: Rb indicated that the school administrators were working on the Parent and Family engagement plan to provide more parent participation and involvement in their children learning environment; and to provide training and opportunities to receive in-school training. JM expressed that research indicates that parents' involvement is beneficial for student learning as well as to improve their moral and attitude.
- 5- Fence, School Sign, Playground: According to RB, the fence was approved and the landlord intends to finalize the fence by May, 2019. WV. Indicated that this fence will provide a safer environment for all students and personnel, and empowered RB to keep working with the landlord. RB, indicated that the school was paying for the sign and that he expected to finalize the school sign by the end of April, because permits and procedures take time. He added that they have a quote for the playground but want to wait until summer to decide how and when the playground will be built.
- 6- Enrollment: JM, asked about the enrollment status of both schools. RB indicated that the enrollment at both school is stable and that we have the same amount of students. JM, asked how is the enrollment for next year. RB expressed that we expect to graduate about 13 students from Excelsior 5th grade, that will lower the enrollment of the school, however, so far we have about 15 new students enrolled at the school. In addition, these 13 students might go to Everest next year. In the other hand, Everest will graduate about 36, 8th grade students. Consequently, Everest will have 36 students less. But will get 13 students from Excelsior and advertising might bring new students for both schools.

JM: asked if any person wanted to address the Board or if we have any new business. No new business or input from the public.

Adjourned at 8:00PM