

EXCELSIOR CHARTER OF BROWARD and Everest Charter

Board Meeting

**March 17, 2020
10044 W McNab Rd
Tamarac, Fl. 33321**

5:00pm.

AGENDA

Minutes Approval

- Signature for Excelsior Charter Renewal**
- Onsite Programmatic review and SIP**
- School Close and E-Learning Plan**
- Approve 21st CCLC Program**
- Agency head authorization and Loan representation**

Public Input

New Business

Adjourn

Attendance: JM: Jaime Minor, Chairman: WV: Wanda, Vizcarrondo, Secretary: YA: Yhanquel Acosta, Treasurer RB: Raul Baez, administrator

- 1- JM welcomed everyone to the Board Meeting and immediately proceeded to confirm the petition to renew Excelsior Charter School for 5 more years. JM signed the renewal letter from 3-10-2020 and asked RB to send it to Broward County on behalf of the Board
- 2- WV opened conversation asking about the follow up for Excelsior's Onsite Programmatic Review as well as the SIP for the school. RB indicated that the

leadership team: Ms. Brown administrator, Dr. Smith ESE, Ms. Darbouze ESOL and himself, as a monitor, did work to keep all compliance and maintain all programs, as well as data to achieve the goals, and address any deficiency found by the review panel. WV indicated that it was very important to keep working with the plan and follow any recommendation from the review panel if we want to improve our academic progress for all the students.

- 3- YA asked if the schools were prepared for the problem with the coronavirus and the sudden closing of the schools by the Superintendent. RB explained that Everest as well as Excelsior were working to address the online learning issues for the students. The teachers and leadership team are coordinating and working together. WV asked what are the main concerns that both schools have in implementing online learning. RB reported few: 1) the short notice to be ready with a plan, 2) the lack of professional development for online and e-learning for teachers, administrators, and students, and 4) finally the needs that students have related with home laptops or computers and internet available to login for e-learning. RB also said that the schools do not have budget to get computers for the students. The schools purchased the computers that they were using from the previous grant that was approved for the schools including the Title 1 fund. However, if necessary, the school will distribute all laptops or desktops that they have in the schools by the end of April. The distribution will be according to needs analysis of the students. Funding became an issue to deal with the e learning platform. RB highlighted that the schools still need to pay for the actual financial commitment of the schools in addition to new e-learning issues
- 4- At the request of Ms. Brown, JM: Asked to approve the application of the 21st CCLC program in order to provide afterschool academic program for the students in order to improve academics in reading and mathematics. WV: said that this program will greatly help Excelsior especially the 68% of the students on Free or Reduced Lunch. The proposal was approved unanimously.
- 5- The Board fully authorized Raul Baez as the agency head to lead and submit the 21st CCLC program for the school year 2020-2021 as requested by the state, with full power to sign on behalf of the Board and execute any legal document. Additionally, the Board authorized Raul Baez to apply to any public, private, local state or federal assistance or loan to address funding for both schools
- 6- JM: adjourned the meeting at 6:30pm