



**TRUE NORTH**  
CLASSICAL ACADEMY

# TRUE NORTH

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## Board Meeting Agenda

January 15, 2016 ❖ 10:00am  
9393 Sunset Drive • Miami, FL 33173

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### I. Opening Session

#### A. Call to Order & Roll Call

**Call to order at 10:05am**

**Present: Luis Diaz, Pete Windhorst, Rudy Pages, Ernie Rodriguez (via Phone),**

**Other: Curt Fuller, Mark Levine, Richard Moreno,**

#### B. Agenda - Approval of Agenda

**Moved by Rudy Pages, Seconded by Pete Windhorst. Approved unanimously**

### II. Reports

#### School Progress Report

Jeanine Finlay provided an overview between teaching at True North and other public and charter schools. She stressed the freedom the teachers have to teach great curriculum with an emphasis on student achievement, learning and moral development. She remarked how happy the teachers were and how the students were responding so positively to the school.

Enrollment projections: 186 students have applied for next year. Recommitment letter going out to current students to confirm attendance next year. Next year we will have 2 classes for each K-6, 18 students K-3 and 22 students 4-6. Approximately 276 students.

Recruitment: Will likely need AP, and 5 to 6 additional teachers. Plan is to add a section of 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and two sections of 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Attending Hillsdale College Classical Job Fair on March 2-4. Beginning to setup other college visits in order to bring in new teachers with liberal arts, classical background.

Personnel – Gifted teacher not returning due to health reasons. Began 1<sup>st</sup> formal evaluations.

Professional Development – Reading Mastery consultant visiting 1/20-1/21 – teacher observation and coaching, Singapore Math Consultant visiting 2/17-2/18 – teacher observation and coaching. Kevin Clark will be visiting our school on 1/25/16 to lead book read for teachers.

Consultant assisting with RTI process –conducting parent meetings

Began in school and after school tutoring for reading and math (3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> grades)

Gala – Save the date 4/16/16

. Finance Report

Review financials. Discussed actual vs budget. Foundation has provided majority of funding.

Grant #3 has been approved for \$100,000 and request will be submitted in the next few days.

Discussed possible annual fund for next year.

Transportation has been eliminated

Will look into lunch program to confirm we are charging students adequately and confirm the food ordering process to make sure waste is kept to minimum.

### III.Consent Agenda

. Approve Minutes from 12/18/15

**Moved by Luis Diaz, Seconded by Pete Windhorst. Approved unanimously**

### IV.Board Discussion / Actions

A. Student Policy Amendment Review - 4.1.1. Student Selection Process

**Moved by Luis Diaz, Seconded by Rudy Pages. Approved unanimously**

B. Out of Field Teacher Approval

**Moved by Luis Diaz, Seconded by Rudy Pages. Approved unanimously.**

**Adding Kari Bacallao – Out of Field Gifted**

C. Foundation Loan Forgiveness

**Moved by Luis Diaz, Seconded by Rudy Pages. Approved unanimously**

**Foundation is forgiving a portion of the loan - \$45,000 – that is made to the school.**

### III.Next Steps

**Next meeting will be held on 2/19/15.**

**Board Members invited to attend Teacher meeting on 1/25/15 for the Kevin Clark presentation**

**Create plan on getting information on how to roll out annual fund**

### IV.Public Comments

**No public members attending meeting**

### V.Adjournment

**Meeting adjourned at 11:16am**



**APPROVED BY Governing Board January 19, 2016**

**Signed by Luis Diaz, Governing Board Chairperson**