

GOODWILL L.I.F.E. ACADEMY

3365-D Seminole Avenue
Fort Myers, Florida 33916
Board of Director Minutes

Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, Inc.
4940 Bayline Drive, North Fort Myers, FL 33917

Monday, January 9, 2012
4:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Mr. Mike McKinley called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Present:

Mr. Roger Bradley	Mr. Pat Mann
Mr. Ron Byrd	Mr. Bill McDaniel
Mrs. Alice DeClemente	Mr. Mike McKinley
Mr. John Doramus	Mrs. Stacey Pianka
Mrs. Audrey Edwards	Mr. Fred Richards
Mr. Rick Evanchyk	Ms. Betsy Russell
Mr. Tom Feurig	Dr. Joe Torregrasso
Mr. Allen Humfleet	

Approval of Minutes
From November 9 2011:

Mr. Bill McDaniel made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; Mrs. Audrey Edwards seconded; all were in favor. It was unanimous; motion carried.

Approval of October
and November 2011
Financial Statements:

Mrs. Stacey Pianka presented an overview of the financials. There was some discussion over profit and loss statements and expenses, which were answered to the board's satisfaction. **Mr. Bill McDaniel made a motion to approve the financial statements as presented. Ms. Betsy Russell seconded. Mr. McKinley requested a show of hands that all were in favor; it was unanimous and motion carried.**

Renewal of School Charter:

Mr. Fred Richards reported that Ms. Lynn Pottorf is in the process of seeking a long term renewal (15 years) of the school's charter and is completing the paper work to be submitted by March 2, 2012. In anticipation of that, a letter was sent to Dr. J. F. McCullers, Director of Charter Schools for the Lee County School District dated November 10, 2011 letting him know of that intention.

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

Update on Policies and
Procedures:

Dr. Torregrasso reported he is working on updating the policies specifically, section 5000 and will have Mr. Young look at it. There are 3 more sections for a total of 8. He will continue to update the board.

Principal Update:

Mr. Fred Richards gave the Principal Report as Ms. Pottorf was not able to make the meeting. Fundraisers and Donations:

- Box Tops for Education \$ 41.90
- Holiday Trees \$560.00
- Penny Donation \$100.00 (Grace Advisory Group)
- Penny Donation \$ 50.00 (Uptown Bingo)
- Pumpkin Sale \$695.00
- Present Wrapping \$ 60.00
- Dog Biscuit Sales (since Aug.) \$180.00
- Community Exposure through the Festival of Trees, cookie baking at BJ's, wrapping presents at Toys R Us, and studio tour of Wink TV
- Announced FL Alternative Assessment Test takes place January and February 2012 and takes 6 weeks to complete.
- All documents were submitted for charter renewal.
- Art project planned with Leoma Lovegrove for Goodwill's annual luncheon
- Mr. Richards added that both he and Ms. Pottorf routinely seek out potential grant dollars to support the school.

- School Relocation: Mr. Evanchyk reported Goodwill is moving forward with the purchase of the Tice Street building in Ft. Myers and the school will be the first priority to move at completion. It will afford the students and staff with a new larger space and allow us to expand as well. Goodwill will own the building and lease it to the school. He further stated the school will have its own entrance, bus area for pick up and drop off, fenced in gates, and security where individuals entering the building will need a swipe card issued to them. Mr. Evanchyk stated an R.F.P. will be drawn up for architects to submit their applications to bid. The timeline to move the school will be dependent on the completion of the work and permitting, but the hope is for it to be ready in July 2012. The architects can work with Ms. Pottorf on the design of the classrooms, offices, and work areas. Mr. Evanchyk further stated there is a backup plan in the event it is delayed. He spoke with Michael D'Angelo (Charter School Principal) who did some research and has space to temporarily lease us at a cost of \$6/sq. ft. if we need to. The new facility at 5100 Tice Street, Fort Myers will also house the main offices of Goodwill, Operations, an outlet center, document destruction, ShopGoodwill/E-Commerce, and more. The property spans 11 acres, has 126,000 sq. ft. total, handicap ready restrooms, and showers. Mr. Evanchyk will report on the progress at the next meeting.
- Discussion with Collier County on Charter School: Dr. Joe Torregrasso reported that Collier County is not interested in a school that serves students with developmental disabilities. Dr. Torregrasso and Mr. John Doramus attended the Florida Charter School Conference on December 9 and spoke with Mr. David Glennon, Director of Charter Schools in Collier. They would give us more support if we decided to work with students who have behavioral disorders. The change in their initial interest is due to the hiring of a new superintendent. Ms. Betsy Russell stated that her experience is that it's a very tough population to work with, which could include issues with the law, school resource officers, arrests, etc. because it's a violent population and the financial obligation would be very negative. When asked if Goodwill could opt to charter a school in Collier on its own, Ms. Russell stated it's possible, but without cooperation and support from Collier County it would be very difficult.
- Advisory Council Representative Comments: Mrs. Audrey Edwards asked if there is interest in the students getting t-shirts with the school logo on it for outside events and trips. Mrs. Stacey Pianka said she would check with vendors for a good price. Mr. Feurig suggested we check with our own vendors first. Mrs. Pianka offered to send an email to Ms. Pottorf to see what we can do. It was suggested that it be brought up at the school's parent meeting to assess parent interest in t-shirts and uniforms. Mrs. Edwards also stated she completed a grant application from the Greater Fort Myers Chamber who offers grant dollars to not-for-profits.
- New Business: No new business
- Public Comment on any Related Topic: No comments.
- Next Board Meeting: The next board meeting is on Monday April 2, 2012 at 4:00 pm at the Goodwill main office located at 4940 Bayline Drive, N. Ft. Myers, FL 33917.
- Adjournment: Mr. McKinley declared meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

