

**RIVER CITY SCIENCE ACADEMY  
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**

**Minutes**

7565 Beach Blvd

Jacksonville, FL 32216

Wednesday, March 19, 2014

6:30 pm at RCSA Media Center

-- Board members present—

**Enes Calik, Ahmet Birdal, Tonja Boswell, Elizabeth Dorrian**

1. Call to order
2. Approval of agenda items
3. Public Remarks
4. Approval of last board meeting (December 2013) minutes
5. Approval of consultant agreement with Infinity Global Solutions, LLC.
6. Discussion on Financials and approval of amended budget
7. School updates
8. Student Recruitment
9. Closure of the meeting

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**Meeting Minutes**

1. The Board meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Approval of the agenda items

Motion: Approve the agenda items (Mr. Calik)  
Second: Mrs. Dorrian  
Vote: Yea – 4  
No – 0

3. Public Remarks

There were no public remarks.

4. Approval of the last board meeting minutes

Motion: Approve December 2013 meeting minutes (Mr. Calik)  
Second: Mr. Birdal  
Vote: Yea – 4  
No – 0

5. Approval of consultant agreement with Infinity Global Solutions, LLC.

Dr. T. presented the board the agreement with Infinity Global Solutions, LLC. The purpose is to receive professional assistance and public affairs services with the responsible educational entities in Northeast Florida as appropriate. Consultant will assist River City Science Academy by building upon strategic educational, government and business alliances to expand, maintain, or create new educational opportunities and to enhance the River City Science Academy brand as directed by the School. Mrs. Dorrian asked to receive a summary of the services actually provided to the School by the end of School year.

Motion: Approve consultant agreement with Infinity Global Solutions, LLC. (Mr. Calik)  
Second: Mrs. Dorrian  
Vote: Yea – 4  
No – 0

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6. Discussion on Financials and approval of amended budget

Dr. Tozoglu presented the financials to the Board for RCSA-Innovation, Elementary and Middle/High school. He informed the Board that the adjustments for the budget based on last counts has been made and budgets were updated. The other financials presented included all revenue, profit lost, bank statements, actual versus current financials with the new district format. There were not any unpaid bills, liability, or cash flow issues.

Motion: Approval of Financials and amended budget (Mr. Calik)

Second: Mr. Birdal

Vote: Yea –4

No – 0

7. School Updates

Dr. T. Informed the Board:

Second semester started very smoothly. All focus has been on getting students ready for the state tests.

The high school Robotic team, the Father Boards, went to Orlando to compete at Haggerty High School. The team, led by Mr. Castleberry and Mr. Caplette, was ranked 4th out of 21 teams within the North Florida to Central Florida region. The win led to a playoff between the four teams for semifinalist and then finalists. The Father Boards made semifinalist and then ended up playing in the finals. RCSA ended up placing second during the finals.

Jerry Holland, Duval County Supervisor of Elections, toured RCSA's campus. Holland toured the campus, meet teachers and students, and observed several class. He also had the opportunity to meet the Robotic club winners and sponsors.

Members of the Florida House of representatives, Charles McBurney and Daniel Davis, and City Councilman, Bill Bishop, visited RCSA recently. During their tours officials visited classrooms and spoke with club sponsors and students. Rocket Fuel also had the opportunity to interview each guest.

River City Science Academy was joined by the president of the Jacksonville City Council, Bill Gulliford. He toured the campus and was able to get a view of some of the classrooms and really see what makes RCSA so special.

Students celebrated spirit week by dressing up for decade's day, character day, and pajama day. To end the celebration, students wore different colors to display class pride during RCSA's first high school pep rally. Seniors dressed in red, juniors blue, sophomores pink, and freshman in green.

Students and staff raised money for the victims of the Philippines tsunami. RCSA collected funds by holding a dress down day where students donated money to wear casual clothes. The school donated \$1,952 to the Red Cross to assist with disaster relief efforts.

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The Community Service Club hosted an Amazing Race scavenger hunt at the Jacksonville Landing on February 22. Participants had to locate clues throughout downtown to win the race, and Team Ferrari won the scavenger hunt. The funds collected will help students who will be attending Peace Jam. Community Service club takes a stand for Immokalee farm workers. Students marched in front of Wendy's to convince the company to sign the Fair Food Agreement. The club went to Tallahassee for Pease Jam conference.

Middle and high school students came together as a family to support one of their own. Students and staff raised money for Cameron Johnson who was diagnosed with bone cancer. Students who donated money received a dress-down day, and the donations ranged from five to sixty dollars. At the end of the day, students got together and took a picture while holding a sign that read, "We Support Cameron."

A group of RCSA's Government students recently toured the new Downtown Courthouse. The group received a private tour by the Honorable Judge Gary Flower, where he explained the controversy behind the new courthouse and why he thought it was smart to build a courthouse that will accommodate Jacksonville's citizens far into the future. The group also got to see the private quarters of the Courthouse and ride in the Judge's personal elevator down to Judge Flower's courtroom.

RCSA held an Open House, and what a success it was! Staff and student volunteers arrived early to set up for the crowd. Eager for the presentations, prospective families started showing up as early as a half hour ahead of time. The lobby was packed full of interested parents and students filling out lottery forms.

On February 9, River City Science Academy participated in the History bowl. The JV team placed first, and the varsity team placed second, which nominates the school for the national competition in Washington D.C.

RCSA's Science Olympiad team attended Florida Science Olympiad Competition in Orlando this month. It was a team effort that won RCSA several placements, 2 gold, one silver 2 bronze medals. Overall, the team was placed 4<sup>th</sup> out of 55 schools in the State of Florida.

8. Student recruitment

Dr. T. informed the board that the lottery, to fill all open slots, was held on March 13th - at 4:00 pm, at RCSA Middle High Media Center. Lottery winners have been notified and invited to accept the spot and come into the school to fill out the registration packet. A waiting list was also created at that time in the order a student is drawn and parent will be contacted should a spot become available. Dr. T. informed the board that open slots will be filled very quickly and the goal is finish the enrollment by the end of school year.

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9. Closure of the meeting – Mr. Calik moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Birdal 2nd the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

I acknowledge that these minutes reflect the business of the Board of Directors meeting of March 19, 2014.

Enes Calik

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Board Chair