

Sarasota County Schools
Charter Review Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday – September 13, 2018
3:00 p.m.

The Charter Review Committee (CRC) met at 3:00 pm in Blue/220. The purpose of the meeting was to complete the review of the amended Dreamers Academy charter application.

Present

CRC Members: Natalie Roca, Denise Cantalupo, Christa Curtner, Elaine Glickman, Al Harayda, Sue Meckler, Jamie Rodriguez, Tara Tahmosh-Newell and Katrina Ward

Not Present

Tammy Cassels, Ellie Ingerick, Tripp Jennings, Jody Long

The CRC meeting convened at 3:05 pm. The minutes for the September 6th meeting was approved.

CRC member Tara Tahmosh-Newell informed the committee that she had emailed FLDOE to confirm the application's recruitment process will not discriminate or violate state statute. However, no response from FLDOE has been received.

Dreamers Academy Amended Charter Application

Discussion of the amended sections of the Dreamers Academy application continued. As discussed in the last meeting, the committee chose to re-evaluate Sections 3 and 6 (Educational Design and ESE) at the same time as Section 4: Curriculum. Concerns regarding the curriculum, the educational program design and the benefits for English-dominant students remain. There is a concern that struggling English-speaking students will fall further behind. In Section 5: Student Performance and Assessment, most responses to the prompts were improved and acceptable, however, year one performance goals were set lower than area schools. If approved, the applicant will need to set higher goals as part of the charter contract than indicated in the application. As the committee discussed each section, preliminary ratings were assigned. Below are the results.

Section 4: Curriculum Plan – Partially Meets (5/4-DNM¹)

Section 3: Educational Program Design – Partially Meets (8/1-DNM)

Section 20: Budget – Meets (9/0)

Section 5: Student Performance, Assessment and Evaluation – Partially Meets (9/0)

Section 6: Exceptional Students – Meets (7/2-PM)

¹ M-Meets; PM-Partially Meets; DNM-Does Not Meet

Dr. Roca announced the September 20th CRC meeting was not needed and will be cancelled. The Dreamers Academy interview with the School Board is scheduled for the October 16, 2018 Work Session.

Close of Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm. Next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at 3:00 pm in Blue/Room 220.