



Savant Preparatory Academy of Business Board Meeting Minutes

Board Members

Tanisha Johnson, Board Chair
Juan Lewis, Board Secretary
Cynthia James, Board Member

October 8, 2024, at 5:00 pm

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1.0 OPEN GENERAL SESSION

1.1 CALL TO ORDER: 5:04 pm

1.2 ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

ROLL CALL:	PRESENT	ABSENT
Tanisha Johnson	X	
Juan Lewis	X	
Cynthia James	X	

1.3 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1.4 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: CJ Second: TJ Discussion: 0 All in Favor: 2 All Opposed: 0

1.5 PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments should be limited to 3 minutes. No action shall be taken, nor should comments on, responses to, or discussions of a topic not on the agenda be allowed.

- *Speaker: Alicia Hester*

- *I'm a parent of a second grader at Savant Prep. My family has been with Savant since they opened their doors. Through the sudden changes that happen in a growing environment, Savant has neglected a very important part of their expectations. Not just the expectations we as parents and community have but those they have set for themselves. The afterschool program, a critical part of school for so many working parents, has fallen apart. The individual overseeing the program is not qualified, in any regard. She has no experience or certification in any aspect of education, youth development principles, social work. Nor is there any educational background of hers pertaining to children's development or any related field. In all the research I've done, I have not found any requirements for the instructors in charge of the afterschool care of Savant scholars. It is evident that no one involved in the Center for Youth and Community Development has any conflict resolution or even tutoring capabilities. When my son, who has zero record of conflicts in any capacity, since being a scholar at Savant, and whose grades are remarkable, told me his assigned afterschool worker got aggressively up in his face and angrily told him to, "stop crying in [her] face," following a ball hitting his face, which caused him to begin crying, immediately I went to Principal Tillman with my grievances. She gave me Ms. Belton's, the afterschool program director, contact information. Waiting to hear back from Ms. Belton, the director of the program, my son remained in the afterschool program. Ms. Belton left me a voicemail, I wrote her an email, called, left a voicemail, wrote another email and finally heard back after another incident transpired. Over a week after the initial incident took place, September 28th, I finally met with Ms. Belton. She, naturally, needed to conduct an investigation and would get back to me once it was complete. During our meeting, she told me she would like*

to get my son's account of what took place. Of course, I was completely okay with her doing so. Like any parent, I temporarily removed my son from the program. Which caused a major upheaval in my work and home life. On September 30th, I emailed Ms. Belton, regarding the follow up. The following day, she informed me that she spoke with the assigned after school worker, Ms. M, as well as all her coworkers and Ms. M assured her she always acted professionally. That was it. I responded, asking if she spoke to my son or any of the other scholars. She did not respond. When I emailed her yet again, asking why she didn't do her due diligence and conduct a proper investigation, by getting both sides account, her response was to push back on me because my son left early. I really think she was surprised that I had kept my son out of the program. The following day, she responded, stating that she saw my son and told him to let her or Ms. O know if there was any problems. She also wanted to inform me that if my son wasn't back on the 4th (the following day) he would be dropped from the program. They are at full capacity and have no way of placing him or Ms. M elsewhere. That was it. That was her investigation. So I've done my due diligence and spoken with other parents who have scholars in the afterschool program. One in particular stands out. This young man was in Ms. M's care, and now is in Mr. G's class because Ms. M "couldn't handle him." This mom had no other options because her work schedule doesn't allow her any alternative. Another scholar was removed from the program entirely because "his behavior issues" weren't something Ms. M could handle. According to the scholars and parents all the "teachers" after school this year are "yellers." Some are the "monster voice yellers." I don't care what kind of issue anyone's kid has, never are they ever to be bullied or intimidated by any care provider. Any such accusations require an investigation, in such a manner that promotes fairness to both sides. California Ed code 32261

- Public comment will be a discussion item at next week's board meeting, October 15, 2024

2.0 BROWN ACT AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST TRAINING BY YOUNG, MINNEY & CORR, ATTORNEY JERRY SIMMONS

3.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion: CJ Second: JL Discussion: 0 All in Favor: 0 All Opposed: 0

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