

# City of Sunrise Education Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2018

## Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

**Present:** Eileen Davis, Jacqueline De Ferrari, Erncy Dumornay, Cheryl Levy, John Moreno-Escobar, Brittany Ross, Kevin Sawyer, Rona Somers

**Absent:** Natasha Britton, Lindsay Ostroff

**City Liaison:** Christine Pfeffer

## Open Discussion

Rachelle Boggan, representing Discovery Elementary, shared that they are celebrating the school's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Discovery's multi-cultural event will be held on November 8.

Nicole Finkel, representing Sawgrass Elementary, shared that the new afterschool clubs – including crafting, dance, and sports – have had a great turnout. They are looking to open registration for the second half of the year.

Angel Gomez, Piper High principal, shared that he is doing a leadership internship with Broward Schools, but he will be back afterwards. Mr. Gomez introduced Piper's interim principal, Marie Hautigan, to the Board. Ms. Hautigan shared that she is happy to have this opportunity and is looking forward to working with the Education Advisory Board.

## Approval of Minutes

Board members reviewed the minutes from the September 4, 2018, meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Rona Somers and seconded by Eileen Davis. The motion carried without Board opposition.

## Old Business

Discussion of second draft of proposed surveys for Principals/APs

The Discussion was tabled until the following meeting due to more information that had been received that day from the City Manager's office.

Discussion of the Board format

Guest speakers for this discussion were Rosemarie Marco, Leisure Services Director, and Emilie Smith, Assistant City Manager. The Board reviewed and discussed the duties and responsibilities of Board Members as indicated in the City's Ordinance. Board members were looking for clarification of what information can be brought back from their liaison schools and reported during the meetings. Rosemarie Marco

suggested that the school reports be about key items and issues happening at the schools, in addition to a calendar of events. Emilie Smith reminded the board that their information and suggestions do get passed along from the Leisure Services Department to the City Manager's Office.

An inquiry was made if any of the schools' information can be put in the Horizons magazine or on the City's website. Ms. Smith explained that the City is unable to advertise for outside organizations. She suggested asking the school principals to communicate among themselves through their monthly meetings and possibly their own school websites. Another suggestion was utilizing homeowners' association meetings to bring information to the residents. The Board expressed an interest in learning more about City programs and services, so they can share that information with the schools.

The Board is also interested in ways to increase the college scholarship program for Sunrise residents. Broward College and FAU are two schools that are interested in creating scholarships for a target group of Sunrise students. Ms. Smith commented that this issue should be a direct relationship between the colleges and Sunrise schools. An inquiry was made as to what steps had to be taken if Broward College wanted to collaborate with the City in adding an additional scholarship by matching City funds. The Board was advised that they should bring such opportunities forward, so that they could be passed on from the Leisure Services Director to the City Manager's Office. Discussion will be continued at next month's meeting.

## **New Business**

### **Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by John Moreno-Escobar and seconded by Brittany Ross. The motion passed without Board opposition.

Transcribed by: \_\_\_\_\_

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