

City of Sunrise Education Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

December 4, 2018

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Natasha Britton, Eileen Davis, Jacqueline De Ferrari, Cheryl Levy, Brittany Ross, Kevin Sawyer, Rona Somers

Absent: Erncy Dumornay, John Moreno-Escobar, Lindsay Ostroff

City Liaison: Christine Pfeffer

Open Discussion

Farrah Kellingbeck, representing Banyan Elementary, shared that their playground is being renovated at this time. Banyan has added Band as an afterschool program.

Dannyelle DeVerona, representing Discovery Elementary, shared that their Holiday Show will feature performances from afterschool programs including Cheer, Step, and Dance Team. After the winter break, registrations for the FSA camps will begin again. The eight-week program will be held on Saturdays.

Marie Hautigan, Piper High interim principal, and Stephane Monereau, Piper High assistant principal, shared that Piper's application for the Cambridge program has been approved and teachers are now in training. Piper is hosting an open house for their feeder schools to showcase the school's programs. They are offering shadowing tours as well.

Marc Larose, intern principal at Village Elementary, shared that teacher Sheldon Jordan is a finalist for Broward County Teacher of the Year. Village has received bicycles from their partner school, Falcon Cove Elementary, to give out to students. This giveaway will be based on academic achievement.

Approval of Minutes

Board members reviewed the minutes from the November 6, 2018, meeting. Kevin Sawyer made a motion to table the minutes pending a requested addition to the minutes. The motion was seconded by Rona Somers. The motion carried without Board opposition.

Old Business

Discussion of second draft of proposed surveys for Principals/APs

Discussion was tabled until next month so that Erncy Dumornay can be part of the discussion, since he is the person who drafted the survey.

Continuation of Discussion of Board format

Guest speaker for this discussion was Rosemarie Marco, Leisure Services Director. The Board continued to review the duties and responsibilities of Board Members as indicated in the City's Ordinance.

The Board discussed ways to reach out to students and families to promote educational opportunities. Brittany Ross spoke of the FAFSA Challenge and suggested the City serve as a host site, or possibly host a college fair for local schools. It was suggested that since Nova Southeastern University hosts a large college fair promoting schools from all over the nation, that the City help advertise for it. Suggestions were made to add colleges to the Back to School Round-Up, or possibly work with Piper High if they put on a college fair.

The Board discussed setting up a brochure or kit with information to share with the schools for teachers, students, and parents, such as the free resources that can be found at County libraries. A suggestion was made that the City can assist in sending out information through recreation programs, athletic programs, and Lyrical Lounge events. Information can also be added to the Neighborhood Schools Guide.

Discussion followed about what type of information the City can post on the website. There are certain restrictions concerning advertising for outside programs. Rosemarie Marco shared that the website is going to be updated. Christine Pfeffer added that she will look further into how promoting this type of information can be included in the update.

Christine Pfeffer will inquire with the City Clerk for clarification if Board members are allowed to reach out to businesses to provide materials regarding financial support for the schools.

New Business

2019 Education Advisory Board

The 2019 Advisory Boards will be sworn in at the City Commission meeting on January 11, 2019.

January meeting

The Board discussed moving the January meeting to another date due to the holidays. Natasha Britton made a motion to move the January meeting to Tuesday, January 15, 2019. It was seconded by Rona Somers. The motion passed without opposition.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kevin Sawyer and seconded by Brittany Ross. The motion passed without Board opposition.

Transcribed by: _____

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