



Education Advisory Board Meeting

Date: Tuesday, January 7, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

Location: Sunrise Civic Center Art Gallery

Address: 10610 West Oakland Park Boulevard, Sunrise, FL 33351

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

Present: Dawn DaCosta, Eileen Davis, Jacqueline De Ferrari, Erncy Dumornay, Cheryl Levy, Lindsay Ostroff, Brittany Ross, Rona Somers, Dr. Carolyn Stewart, Ingrid Morgan. **Absent/Excused:** Kevin Sawyer. **Not Excused:** N/A. **Staff Liaison:** Christine Pfeffer.

III. Open Discussion

The floor was open to visitors to provide a brief update of their schools as follows:

1. Rachele Boggan, Media Specialist, Discovery Elementary – Discovery’s Teacher of the Year and School-Related Employee of the Year will attend Broward Schools’ 2020 Caliber Awards, organized by Dr. Stewart. The school is currently working on academic checkpoints; report cards will be issued on January 29.
2. Stephane Monereau, Assistant Principal, Piper High – The school is focused on one of its largest events, Piper Palooza, which is held for rising ninth graders. This year, 400-500 people are expected to attend. Piper will showcase their new college-preparatory Cambridge curriculum.
3. Nicole Finkel, Sawgrass Elementary School – Sawgrass is implementing a District-wide positive social media tool called Bridg-it. Students are able to send only positive text messages and GIF animations. Mr. Angel Gomez of Broward Schools explained that Bridg-it prepares students to better handle other social media platforms. Sawgrass is gearing up for testing season. In addition, the school will be hosting a Family Night at Chili’s.

Christine Pfeffer introduced newly-appointed Education Advisory Board member Dawn DaCosta.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Brittany Ross made a motion to approve the December 3, 2019, minutes as transcribed. The motion was seconded by Erncy Dumornay. There was no opposition from the board.

V. Old Business – Discussion of School Liaison Assignments

Brittany previously distributed packets to board members that included a roster, a copy of the Sunrise ordinance that governs the advisory board, and the school liaison survey that the board implemented. She complimented Erncy for developing the survey.

The purpose of the liaison-school relationship is for board members to connect with a school, establish a relationship, and share information. This can be done in person, on the phone, or via email.

The members discussed a few ideas and recommendations that can be used to establish a written document for the board to govern the liaison assignments. Board members were unanimously in support of keeping the process informal, with a “relationship review” and optional school/liaison switch at the beginning of each calendar year.

VI. New Business

1. Guest Speaker - Broward County School Board Member Laurie Rich Levinson could not attend due to a death in her family. Board members expressed their condolences.
2. Election of Board Chair and Vice Chair – Brittany expressed an interest in continuing as chair; Erncy expressed an interest in becoming Vice Chair. Members submitted their ballots for nominations. By a unanimous vote, Brittany Ross was selected as Chair and Erncy Dumornay was selected as Vice Chair.
3. Discussion of Outstanding Citizenship Scholarship Program – Christine said for many years, the Education Advisory Board offered a two-year scholarship for an income-eligible city of sunrise graduating senior from a public high school who shows not only academics, but is also focused on community involvement and what the student has given back to the city. Christine said she and Ada Griffin are working with Claudette from the Broward Education Foundation, to integrate the advisory board’s application into the Foundations main application as a supplemental page. This will enable the City to capture students in the Foundation database that also meet Sunrise’s scholarship criteria. In addition to the form, students will submit a “why me” essay, reference letters, and college acceptance letters. The deadline will be March 15, 2020 – the same as the Foundation’s application deadline. Christine said when this is finalized,

she will send the members the information for them to share with their schools and communities.

VII. Adjournment

Brittany made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Carolyn Stewart seconded the motion.

The next meeting will be held on February 4, 2020.

Transcribed by: _____

Alesa Lane, Board Secretary