



Education Advisory Board – Meeting 1

Date: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Location/Address: Sunrise Civic Center – Community Room (10610 West Oakland Park Blvd., Sunrise, FL 33351)

Board Secretary: Stephanie Joseph (transcription)

Board Liaison: Christine Pfeffer, Marketing & Communications Director

Summary Minutes

I. Call Meeting to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

- The meeting was called to order by Natalia Allen and the Pledge of Allegiance was observed - Natalia Allen led the pledge.

II. Introductions/Roll Call

- **Present:** Natalia Allen, Carolyn Hudson, Ingrid Morgan, Dr. Carolyn Stewart, Kevin Sawyer, Lindsay Ostroff, Dawn DaCosta, Stacy Sherman, Dr. Dana Rolle **Absent/Excused:** Dr. Anelle Moss, Erncy Dumornay, Gessika Moss **Board Liaison:** Christine Pfeffer

III. Approval of EAB Summary Minutes

- Quick walk through of meeting agenda items by Natalia Allen.
- Dr. Carolyn Stewart made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of Tuesday, December 14, 2021. Natalia Allen seconded the motion. There was no opposition from the EAB.

IV. Open Discussion: Updates/Announcements Regarding Schools

New Board member Stacy Sherman and Dr. Dana Rolle both introduced themselves to the Board. Each Board member gave a brief introduction.

Ingrid gave an update on Piper High School. The students recently went back into school. Parents are reluctant on sending students back to school as well as virtual schooling. Member Ingrid asked the Board for suggestions. Christine suggest to discuss the challenges of the school at the next meeting to get feedback from Ms. Hautigan.

Carolyn Hudson gave an update on Banyan Elementary. The volunteer coordinator did explain that there is a lot going on at the moment, due to mid-year assessments. Carolyn will continue to reach out and asked the Board for any recommendations.

V. Old Business

Natalia inquired about the open discussion for recognizing student/teacher of the month. Christine suggested to revisit that conversation at the next Board meeting.

Christine informed the Board that starting next month, Principals will be invited to attend a Board meeting. Ms. Hautigan from Piper High School is expected to be at the February Board meeting.

Kevin Sawyer made a motion to select the Board chair and vice-chair at the next Board meeting on Tuesday, February 1, 2022. Dr. Carolyn Stewart seconded the motion. There was no opposition from the EAB.

Christine explained that the Board liaison can schedule Principals to attend meetings. EAB members are encouraged to let Principals know that they are invited to attend.

VI. New Business: Presentation by Officer Charles Gutshall of the Sunrise Police Department regarding Project Lifesaver

Officer Gutshall introduced himself to the Board and gave a brief summary on the program, which is available to Sunrise residents with Autism and Alzheimer's.

The Project Lifesaver program is designed for people that live in the City of Sunrise and have been diagnosed with a neurological problem. For families that qualify for the program, Officer Gutshall and his team will help administer the program and help coordinate needs with other agencies.

Officer Gutshall displayed a radio frequency transmitter bracelet which is given to the individual. This bracelet helps track the patient in case they go missing. Each bracelet is worth \$375. Bracelet batteries are changed every 60 days. This program is supported through grants.

Officer Gutshall provided the phone number for the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Broward County, which is an excellent resource. He encouraged the Board to share this number with the schools. **Phone number: (954) 745-9779.**

Stickers are placed on the door or window of the individual's home to make other officers aware that the family is a part of Project Lifesaver.

Carolyn Hudson asked if the bracelet was associated with Amber Alerts. Officer Gutshall explained that it is not associated with Amber Alerts.

Officer Gutshall explained that the bracelet is not monitored 24/7; the family would have to notify the Police Department if the person goes missing.

Dr. Stewart asked how the program is promoted. Officer Gutshall explained that Project Lifesaver is promoted through presentations and through the City's website. Officer Gutshall has also reached out to nursing homes to promote the program.

Dr. Stewart asked if the program is promoted through homeowner associations. Officer Gutshall explained that the Community Policing team makes HOA's aware of the program.

Not everyone in Broward County uses Project Lifesaver. The City of Sunrise is the only City in South Florida that runs Project Lifesaver.

VII. Meeting Adjourned

- Dr. Carolyn Stewart made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dawn DaCosta seconded the motion. There was no opposition from the EAB.