



Education Advisory Board – Meeting 6

Date: Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

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

Board Secretary: Juliana Castro, Administrative Officer II (transcription)

Board Liaison: Sady Diaz, Public Engagement Manager (Christine Pfeffer substituted because Sady was not at the meeting).

Summary Minutes

I. Call Meeting to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

- The meeting was called to order by Natalia Allen (EAB Vice Chair) and the Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

II. Introductions/Roll Call

- **Present:** Natalia Allen (EAB Vice Chair), Carolyn Hudson, Ingrid Morgan, Dr. Carolyn Stewart, Stacy Sherman, Lindsay Ostroff, Kevin Sawyer, Dr. Dana Rolle, Aldett Francis **Absent/Excused:** Erncy Dumornay (EAB Chair), Dr. Anelle Moss, Dr. Gessika Moss; **Board Liaison:** Sady Diaz; **Board Secretary:** Juliana Castro.

III. Approval of EAB Summary Minutes

- Stacy S. made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of Tuesday, May 3, 2022. Lindsay O. seconded the motion. There was no opposition from the EAB.

IV. Open Discussion: Updates/Announcements Regarding Schools

- Members provided update on their school:
 - Dr. Dana R. – Will volunteer on June 20th for the first day of summer school.
 - Aldett F. – Elementary school has increased enrollment. It's the second highest enrollment in Broward County. DM Guzman helped Aldette's school. Gave updates on the school.
 - Stacy Sherman – Met with Atlantic Technical College. She had the opportunity to view the student's portfolios, and gave the suggestion for them to use the folders next year. Recommended the board to keep contact with Atlantic Technical college next year.
 - Natalia A. – Gave an update on schools that have a Cambridge program. She explained that to expand the program to all of the Sunrise schools, the middle school or high school the students goes to, needs to have a Cambridge program. For an elementary/middle school to qualify for a Cambridge program, the middle/high school the students are zoned for, also needs to have a Cambridge program. Westpine Middle School and Piper High School have a Cambridge program. Natalia will send the information to Sady/Christine, so everyone can speak with their liaison.
 - Natalia A. – discussed the Cambridge Program. <https://www.browardschools.com/site/default.aspx?PageID=51003>. She provided support for a debate program.

- Dr. Stewart – Shared that Mrs. Naik, Broward County teacher of the year 2022 from Eagle Ridge Elementary was named as a finalist for the 2023 Florida Teacher of the Year award.
- Vice Chair Natalia A. – reminded everyone that July 5th meeting was rescheduled for June 28th.
- Dr. Stewart – Made the EAB aware that the September meeting falls right after Labor Day, and that board might want to discuss about changing the date.

V. Old Business: SLA Session 5 and SLA Graduation

- OCS 2022 Update (Timeline)
 - June 1: Receive eligibility confirmation and 2022 Award Certificates
 - June 3: Notify award recipients/invite them to attend the Tuesday, June 14, 2022 City Commission Meeting
 - June 14: Awards presentation at the Commission Meeting
 - July 1: Broward Education Foundation (BEF) will send out official awards notifications and contracts.
 - SLA – Session 5: Wrap Up
 - SLA Graduation

VI. New Business: Angel Gomez – BCPS Government Affairs Liaison

- Mr. Gomez did a presentation on the referendum that will be on the August 23, 2022 primary elections. The new Secure the Next Generation Referendum would increase voters’ investment in education from a half-million to one million to continue securing funds for all public schools. It will also include charter schools:
 - Recruit/Retain high-quality teachers and eligible staff by increasing compensation supplements;
 - Maintain/Enhance school resource officers and school safety staff; and
 - Maintain/Enhance essential programs, such as mental health services
- The average homeowner with a home value of \$393,755, would invest approximately \$274.22 (\$23 per month). The average condo owner, with an assessed value of \$192,806, would invest approximately \$158.42 (\$13 per month). If the referendum passes, it would generate \$177 million for BCPS and \$45 million for charter schools annually, a total of approximately \$227 million (includes 2% collection shortfall in property taxes) in fiscal year 2023. The referendum will expire in four years.
- Ingrid inquired why the residents have to pay for the referendum. Mr. Gomez explained that legislative is the only option for schools to get money without going through the State.
- Stacy Sherman inquired if the referendum is needed, because the Governor threaten to take the money from schools that didn’t follow the masks rules. Mr. Gomez explained that the referendum doesn’t have anything to do with the Governor and the districts fought back, and the schools can apply directly for the money the Governor had threaten to take away. The Governor did not take the money from schools.
- Carolyn H. inquired how many Broward residents don’t have kids. Mr. Gomez said he doesn’t have that number, but that about two thirds of Senior citizens are in favor of the referendum, although many do not have school age children.
- Principal Nicole Neunie from Banyan Elementary was not present at the meeting.

VII. Meeting Adjourned

- Stacy S. made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dana R. seconded the motion. There was no opposition from the EAB.