



Education Advisory Board – Meeting 2

Date/Time: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 5:15 p.m.

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

Board Secretary: Stephanie Joseph, Administrative Support IV

Board Liaison: Sady Diaz, Public Engagement Manager

Summary Minutes

Call Meeting to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: The meeting was called to order by Natalia A. (Chair) and the Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

Introductions/Roll Call: Present: Natalia Allen, Carolyn Hudson, Dr. Carolyn Stewart, Gessika Moss, Kevin Sawyer, Felicia Brown, Aldett Francis, Pierrelina Mwanza, Ingrid Morgan, and Richard Hoye, Dr. Dana Rolle. **Absent/Excused:** Erncy Dumornay **Board Liaison:** Sady Diaz; **Board Secretary:** Stephanie Joseph

Approval of EAB Summary Minutes: Dr. Stewart made an amendment to replace the word “opposed” with “who replaced” in the M2 meeting minutes (she emailed the information to Sady D.). Kevin S. made a motion to approve M2 meeting minutes from February 7, 2022 (with the edits). Carolyn H. 2nd the motion and there was no opposition from the EAB.

Open Discussion: Updates/Announcements Regarding Schools

Carolyn H.: Banyan Elementary – Ms. Hudson attended the first responders’ breakfast/brunch. The Principal was very happy to see a great turnout for the event.

Gessika M.: Sawgrass Elementary – Created the Reading Museum for Black History Month. The Reading Museum, students were tasked with creating posters, conduct research, and presenting their projects. The school is currently raising money for the playground. Students that are struggling and are able to get assistance through ESOL camps/intervention support. The Sawgrass Elementary Debate Team won June 13 medals. The school has a facility use agreement to host the City of Sunrise – Summer Camp. Reassignment seats opened up due to under enrollment. Sawgrass Elementary will have a Title 1 status for the next school year and is a designated cluster school. A positive behavior plan is being implemented to address overall student behavior issues. Upcoming School Events: Math Night for parents, Panther Prawl, Mother + Son Dance, and Kindergarten Round Up (April 19).

Ingrid M.: Piper High School – Students are encouraged to report suspicious activity in an anonymous tip line. On the Piper website, students are able to click the link “If You See Something, Say Something” which directs them to report a tip.

Aldett F.: Village Elementary – The process is moving forward with completing the application for the Cambridge Program. Aldett attended the SAP Meeting and Village Elementary is trying to research ways for parents to be actively involved.

Richard H.: Bair Middle – Mr. Hoyer connected with Assistance Principal Richard Campuzano and there is an upcoming event for 8th graders to get them geared up/transitioned into high school.

Natalia A.: Natalia provided information regarding the Florida Civics and Debate Initiative, which has been expanded to elementary schools. Florida Department of Education has the capacity to help with the schools, which includes support/trainings to help expand the debate programs in Sunrise. Natalia will send the information to Sady.

Old Business:

- (a) **Sunrise Leadership Academy (SLA):** SLA nominations were collected. Applications were extended (again) for a 9th time through Friday, February 24. SLA Session 1 was hosted on Tuesday, February 28 (7:30 am to 2:30 pm). There are two (2) new SLA facilitators (Joseph Martellaro - Finance and Stephanie Joseph – CMO).
- (b) **Principal Hautigan:** Principal Hautigan was Principal of the Year 2022 and was recognized at the City Commission meeting.

New Business:

(a) Kevin Pickard (Leisure Services Director) and Julie Flaig (Division Director – Leisure Service)

- Sunrise Reads Program: In 2013, The Community Foundation of Broward issued a “Re-Engage for Good: City Challenge” inviting cities across the County to create and/or strengthen sustainable systems between generations. Sunrise is looking to revamp the program, with the help of key stakeholders.
- Initially, the program ran from October through May and connected 2nd Grade classrooms in four (4) different schools (Banyan, Discovery, Sandpiper, and Village). The City is in charge of finding volunteers, provided background/fingerprints, and provide Sunrise Reads shirt. Each volunteer is assigned a school, based on their availability.

Sunrise Reads Brainstorming Session:

Dr. Stewart: Dr. Stewart wanted to know if the schools were surveyed. Kevin P. stated yes but there were not enough volunteers to push and get the answers needed from the schools.

Dr. Stewart: Dr. Stewart suggested advertising for volunteers in the City of Sunrise - Horizon Magazine. Additionally, she suggested connecting with the [South Florida Institute on Ageing \(SoFIA\)](#). The organization has a Foster Grandparent Program, which focuses on pairing Seniors with different schools to assist with reading/reading comprehension to students.

Kevin P.: If that is the direction the schools would like to go in, then the City will focus on recruiting additional volunteers. Kevin suggested for the Education Advisory Board to assist with volunteering/volunteer recruitment and some ideas for the direction of the program.

Gessika M.: Stated the Sawgrass Elementary Principal is tentative/nervous in regards to volunteers coming into the school, due to the current climate at the school (across the country). Gessika M. suggested to utilize Flamingo Park as a back drop to read to students after school.

Aldett F.: Aldett shared her experience with volunteering for [Read Across United Way](#). The program pairs a student with a volunteer for one-on-one reading.

Kevin S.: Kevin shared his experience with volunteering within the program and suggested to recruit high school who need service hours and college students who need professional development hours for their major. Additionally, Kevin suggested collaboration with the [Broward County Public Library System](#) (since they have existing programs/volunteers).

Carolyn H.: Ms. Hudson discussed the Literacy Bus, it is an interactive bus that provides high-quality literacy resources (books/activities/fun space) and encourages children/schools/families to read year-round. The bus provides literacy activities and school/parental engagement in order to increase academic performance of students in Reading and Language Arts.

Ingrid M.: Ingrid informed the EAB that Piper High students are lacking the required service hours for graduation and the Sunrise Reads program would significantly benefit them. Kevin inquired about transportation for the students to get to the elementary schools.

Natalia A.: (a) Natalia suggested to reach out to schools to find ways to support the Educational Media Specialist and build up media centers. (b) Focusing on *popular approved themes* within the school year such as African American History Month, and Hispanic Heritage History Month. for class reading sessions. (c) American Federation of Teachers (AFT) offers a grant for books and may partner with the City to host a community event.

Dr. Stewart: Dr. Stewart inquired if the City has any Summer Reading Program. Kevin stated that there are – [Sidewalk Storytime](#) hosted at Village Civic Center.

Dr. Stewart: Discussed the [Community Involvement Awards](#) (May 5, 2023) which honors the districts volunteers, family community engagement initiative, partners and mentors. She stated if you the EAB has anyone they would like to nominate within their network or community, feel free to go on the site.

Meeting Adjourned

- Kevin S. made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Stewart 2nd the motion. There was no opposition from the EAB.