



Education Advisory Board – Meeting 11

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

Location/Address: City Hall – Everglades Room (10610 West Oakland Park Blvd., Sunrise, FL 33351)

Board Secretary: Stephanie Joseph, Administrative Assistant I

Board Liaison: Sady Diaz, Public Engagement Manager

Summary Minutes

Call Meeting to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

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

Introductions/Roll Call

- **Present:** Aldett Francis, Kevin Sawyer, Dr. Carolyn Stewart, Carolyn Hudson, Pierrelina Mwanza, Natalia Allen, Dr. Dana Rolle, Gessika Moss, Richard Hoyer, Erika Reddy, Erncy Dumornay, Deborah Houts
Absent/Excused: **Board Liaison:** Sady Diaz; **Board Secretary:** Stephanie Joseph

Approval of EAB Summary Minutes

- Gessika M. made a motion to approve M9 meeting minutes from Sept. 11, 2023. Erncy D. second the motion. There was no opposition from the EAB.

Open Discussion: Updates/Announcements Regarding Schools

Aldett F.: Village Elementary – (a) Village will be receiving new furniture for their library. (b) Village has incorporated a new Girl Scout Troupe at their school.

Dr. Rolle.: Sandpiper Elementary – (a) Sandpiper has been promoting literacy for the months of October and November. (b) Pastries with Parents Nov. 8 – 9.

Carolyn H.: Banyan Elementary – (a) Ms. Hudson obtained the Broward Reads certificate. (b) The month of October is acknowledged as Staff Morale Month. Banyan Elementary honors the teachers through different events throughout the month of October. (c) October's Teacher of the Month was from Banyan Elementary (Jacqueline Small, 3rd Grade Teacher) who was honored at the Commission Meeting. (d) Banyan Family Feast will be hosted on Nov. 16 from 6 pm – 8 pm.

Gessika M.: Sawgrass Elementary – (a) Extended Learning Opportunity (ELO) camps will be offered to students who are in the low 10 percentile. (b) Literacy Night will be held at Barnes and Noble on Nov 9. (c) Sawgrass is collecting canned goods for the Harvest Drive. (d) The City of Sunrise - Sustainability Office incorporated a garden at the school.

Erika R.: Nob Hill Elementary – (a) Upcoming events: Veterans Breakfast (Nov. 9), Field Day (Nov. 15 – 17), Winter Show (Dec. 19). (b) Continuing learning initiatives throughout the school (clubs, debate, chess, violin, and more). (c) Extended Learning Opportunity (ELO) will be starting soon. (d) Striving to increase inclusion between Special Olympics and offering more classes to practice inclusion. (e) Nob Hill will be starting a Book Club this year for selective 4th and 5th graders to participate in the Reading Bowl. (f) Nob Hill partnered with the Sunrise Chamber of Commerce for Teacher of the Month. (g) Nob Hill is requesting assistance for their Soccer Tournament in Mar. 2024.

Kevin S.: Westpine Middle School – (a) Westpine will be hosting a Community Health and Wellness fair open to everyone in the City of Sunrise (Dec. 6 from 5 pm – 7 pm). (b) Westpine is currently looking for members of the professional community of Hispanic Descent to meet with English language learners and speak for a few classes.

Richard H.: Bair Middle – (a) Mentoring for Tomorrow's Leader's Program (Nov. 15, 6 pm – 7:30 pm). Mr. Hoye will inform the EAB of the keynote speaker for the event.

Old Business:

Sunrise Leadership Academy 2024 – Piper High submitted a total of three (3) applications, after four (4) program presentations – 150+ Students (9/20/23 + 9/26/23). The first session will be held on Nov. 14.

Sunrise Small Business Academy (SSBA) completed Cohort 4 on 10/24/23.

Sady D. informed the EAB on submitting requests for professionals in regards to Career Day. Please email Sady D. ahead of time.

New Business:

- Veterans Day Ceremony (11/11/23 – 10:30 am); Sunrise Civic Center Theater
- City Commission (11/14/23 – 5:30 pm); New City Hall – Commission Chambers
- Tunes + Trucks Series (11/17/23 at 6:00 pm) – Mr. Nice Guy (Classic Rock) - Sunrise Sportsplex
- Blanket Bingo (11/19/23 at 6:00 pm) at City Park
- Call to Artists – Seeking Nature/Wildlife Artwork for New City Hall (12/23);
- #Shop Sunrise (on-going program) – Gift Card Program;
- NEW Residential Fence Repair Incentive Program (on-going program); and
- **Volunteer Opportunity: Holiday Breakfast for Families (Social Services)**

Speaker: Armando Arana, BCPS – Government Relations Coordinator and read through the following BCPS program/events:

- (a) BCPS hosted a Magnet Program Expo, with 80+ magnet programs were on display for parents to discover opportunities provided by the schools.
- (b) School Choice application will be open on Dec. 1.
- (c) Read for the Record (Oct. 26)
- (d) Broward Leadership Innovation Leader Summit hosted 200+ students.
- (e) Broward County World storefront ribbon cutting collaborated with the Junior Achievement of South Florida program.

- (f) SMART Program completed roof renovations to Sunrise Middle School (**Kevin S. made mention Sunrise Middle is located in Fort Lauderdale not Sunrise*).
- (g) Threats are Not a Joke Campaign (on-going).
- (h) BCPS is actively promoting and looking for Bus Operators. There is a \$1000 sign-on bonus. Kevin S. suggested a non-compete clause within their contract in order to keep more drivers.
- (i) Xello is a new college/career readiness platform for 6th – 12th graders which replaced Naviance (previous platform).
- (j) The International Welcome Center is now open and offering resources and support for new families while integrating them into the Broward County Public School system/community.
- (k) Heart Gallery of Broward County is promoting adaption advice/guidance. More information can be found on the BCPS website.
- (l) Upcoming Events:
 - The month of November is National Homeless Awareness Month
 - Anti-bullying Week (Nov. 6 – 10)
 - School Board Meeting (Nov. 8). Gessika M. asked for tons of support from the EAB/their network at the meeting for teacher raises.
 - 1st Quarter report cards will be issued (Nov. 14)
 - Virtual Town Hall meeting (Nov. 15)
 - Broward Education Foundation Hall of Fame Award Breakfast (Dec. 7)
 - Caliber Awards (Feb. 2, 2024) and ticket sales begin Dec. 11.
 - Rally to Tally (Jan. 16 – 18, 2024) Rally to Tally is an event in which high school students are able to represent their school district in Tallahassee. This is an opportunity for students to advocate for legislative ideas regarding education. 181 applications were received so far.

Meeting Adjourned

- Richard H. made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Erncy D. Second the motion. There was no opposition from the EAB.