

SUMMARY MINUTES

**Education Advisory Board Meeting
February 26, 2024 – 5:15 P.M.
City Hall – Everglades Room
10770 West Oakland Park Blvd., Sunrise, FL 33351**

A. CALL TO ORDER BY: Natalia Allen, Chair, at 5:15 P.M.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL

Natalia Allen, Chair
Erncy Dumornay
Carolyn Hudson
Kevin Sawyer
Deborah Houts - **Absent Excused**
Kizzy Dailey - **Arrived at 5:23 pm**
Pierreline Mwanza
Aldett Francis
Isabel Fernandez
Gessika Moss
Richard Hoye
Dana Rolle
Erika Reddy - **Absent Excused**

Sady Diaz – Public Engagement Manager
Stephanie Joseph – Administrative Assistant I

D. APPROVAL OF EAB MINUTES: M2 – 2/6/24

Natalia A. asked for a motion to approve the February 6, 2024 minutes, a motion was made by Kevin S. and was second by Gessika M. The EAB approved the meeting unanimously.

E. OPEN DISCUSSION: Updates/Announcements Regarding Schools

Aldett F.: Village Elementary – (a) Students can take home laptops which allows them to complete their iReady course work. (b) Village is moving ahead with the Cambridge program. (c) Several teachers will be trained to teach Global Perspective for the next school year. The goal is to build a foundation for students to excel at a secondary level.

Carolyn H.: Banyan Elementary – (a) March Madness Events – Growth check,

Strawberry Day, Team Leader Day, Donuts with Dads, and Professional Planning Day.

Kevin S.: Westpine Middle – (a) Saturday camps will be starting on March 9th in preparation for testing from 9 am – 12 pm. (b) Westpine is asking for Hispanic community members to share their career success stories with their ESL population. (c) College tours will be taking place with the ESL population to FAU and Broward College. (d) Westpine is encouraging all parents to not allow their children to hang out at the nearby gas station after school. It is safer for child pick-up to be done on the school campus.

Gessika M.: Sawgrass Elementary – (a) The Annual Panther Prowl Run was a success. (b) The student council will be decorating the social distancing circles with positive affirmations in English and Spanish. (c) 6 out of 19 students received metals for the debate team.

Natalia A.: Horizon Elementary – (a) Career Day will be held on March 20th from 7:55 am to 10 am.

G. OLD BUSINESS

- (a) Sunrise Leadership Academy 2024 – Session 5 (FLAmingle)
- (b) Residents Leadership Academy – Cohort 7 (Wednesday, February 28, 2024)

H. NEW BUSINESS (City Events + Announcements)

- Sunrise Comic Con (Saturday, March 2, 2024)
- Outdoor Movie – Puss In Boots (Friday, March 8, 2024)
- Classic Car Show – Safety Expo (Saturday, March 9, 2024)
- Tunes + Trucks – Studio 54 (Disco/Funk) (Friday, March 15, 2024)
- Storytime at City Park (Saturday, March 16, 2024)
- Royal Egg Hunt (Saturday, March 23, 2025)

Speaker: Armando Arana, BCPS Government Affairs

- The 24/25 School calendar was approved. The First day of school is August 12, 2024 and last day of school is June 3, 2025.
- The Superintendent has passed the first 6 months. Dr. Licata has frozen 50+ positions within the district as part of one of his initiatives to bring more resources to students, teachers, and parents.
- Redefining Schools for a New Era - The District is exploring ways to reduce

the number of under-enrolled schools to ensure equitable funding and instructional resources across the District. Redefining BCPS will involve community input, data analysis, and creative thinking. Strategies may include adding new programs, combining schools, boundary adjustments, school closures, and repurposing schools to expand community services. There will be many opportunities for the community to provide input throughout the planning process.

- The District graduation rate increased from 88.2% to 88.7% which exceeds the state level. Piper High School has a 99% graduation rate.
- Parents will receive a survey regarding the school uniform policy for all Broward schools.
- The School Policing plan was discarded and the item will be revisited after the redefining of schools is completed.
- A temporary agreement has been reached with the Broward Teachers Union. Armando encouraged the EAB to voice their concerns within public Broward County forums.
- Rally in Tally (January 16-17, 2024) offers the youth, the opportunity to meet one-on-one with legislators and share their stories and experiences.
- An awareness campaign for sextortion is being promoted in elementary, middle, and high schools.
- Financial Wellness workshop was held on February 24 at Piper High School.
- BCPS will be hosting the 2024 Career and Technical Education (CTE) Teacher of the Year award on February 29, 2024.
- BCPS and BSO will be meeting on March 5 to discuss the dangers of drug and alcohol use.
- Parent University session will be held virtually on March 6 at 6:30 pm.
- Broward Youth Policy Expo - This one-of-a-kind experience allows students to hear from local experts and government officials, interact with other students to explore issues facing your community, and learn how to develop action plans to create change in your communities.

Carolyn H. asked if there would be an opportunity for the public to speak on the redefining school process and how they would be notified. Armando explained that 3 public forums have already taken place. More opportunities for the public will be given in the near future.

Gessika M. and Erncy D. inquired about incentives for educators regarding purchasing homes. Armando explained that Broward County is going through a process of affordable housing. Schools that will be closed due to the

redefining initiatives, may be sold for affordable housing projects for educators.

Mayor Ryan was present and briefly spoke with the EAB on different topics relating to the redefining process, affordable housing, and increasing the population of Sunrise Schools.

I. NEXT BOARD MEETING: TUESDAY, April 2, 2024

Location: New City Hall (Everglades Meeting Room) – 10770 West Oakland Park Boulevard, Sunrise, FL 33351

J. ADJOURNMENT AT 6:33 P.M.

Kevin S. made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Dana R. second the motion. The EAB approved unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

Transcribed by: Stephanie Joseph, Board Secretary/ *Stephanie Joseph*

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission concerning any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and, for such purpose, he may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. F.S.S. 286.0105.