



## City of Coconut Creek

# Application for Environmental Advisory Board

The information requested below is for consideration of appointment to the City's Environmental Advisory Board. Please complete and return this form to the City Clerk, **WITH a brief resume** of your experience by or before Monday, April 6, 2020.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Florida has a very broad public records law. Documents relating to city business are public records and are available to the public and media upon request. Your information provided within this application may therefore be subject to public disclosure. If your information meets an exemption pursuant to state statute, please advise the City Clerk.

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The Environmental Advisory Board is comprised of five regular members and one alternate member who serve a one-year term. The members are appointed by the City Commission and given the responsibility of promoting environmental awareness and activities, acting as an educational liaison to the community for environmental matters that are important to the City. They will review and provide advisory comments for special projects, programs, legislation, and environmental awareness and improvement opportunities and continuously promote and support National Wildlife Federation certifications throughout the City.

To the extent practicable, board appointments shall be based on the applicant's experience with representing environmental interests, specialties, and qualifications in the fields of Architecture, Biology, Climate change, Education, Engineering, Environmental science, Forestry, Gardening, Geology, Horticulture, Law, Sustainability, Urban planning, or Waste disposal. Preference will be given to applicants who have completed Coconut Creek Citizen's Academy.

The board meets as needed. Appointments will be made at the April 23, 2020, City Commission Meeting.

### Please mark Yes OR No for each of the following questions:

- Are you at least 18 years of age and a resident of Coconut Creek?      Yes       Yes       No
  
- 1. Are you least 18 years of age and an owner of a business located within the City with a business tax receipt issued by the city for operation at the location?      No       Yes       No
  
- 2. Do you have a background in representation of environmental interests, specialties and qualifications in Architecture, Biology, Climate change, Education, Engineering, Environmental science, Forestry, Gardening, Geology, Horticulture, Law, Sustainability, Urban planning, or Waste disposal?      Yes       Yes       No
  
- 3. Are you employed by the City?      No       Yes       No
  
- 4. Are you a member of another City Board?      No       Yes       No

5. Have you ever served on a City Board?

Yes  currently  Yes  
 No

6. Will you be away from the City for extended periods of time?

No  Yes  No

7. Have you graduated from the City's Citizen Academy?

No, applied but it was  No

full.  Yes

Signature:

Sign here

*Jack Kelly*

Date:

Date here

3/11/20



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**OBJECTIVE:** To assist organizations in implementing facilitative leadership skills that I have learned during my 35 years in education specifically in the areas of carbon neutrality.

**EDUCATION:**

1985-1987 **Florida Atlantic University.**  
**Master's Degree, Administration and Supervision**

1976-1980 **Berklee College of Music.**  
**Bachelor's Degree, Music Education**

**CERTIFICATION:** I currently hold a Professional Certificate issued by the State of Florida Department of Education in the area of School Principal and music education.

**VOLUNTEER ADVOCACY WORK:** Volunteer advocate for Solar United Neighbors/ Florida – Assist homeowners with solar energy questions. I do not sell, rather, I advocate by assisting people in making more carbon neutral energy decisions for our planet.

I currently serve on the Coconut Creek Environmental Advisory Board advocating on behalf of our city's Green Plan to move in a more carbon neutral position.

**PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT:**

October 2016 to present **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CONFIDENTIAL OFFICE PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION.** Responsibilities include labor relations, expanding membership, writing monthly newsletter, assisting members to maneuver through employment issues with supervisors, compensation and medical challenges, representation on Superintendent's Insurance and Wellness Committee.

July 2009 to June, 2016 **PRINCIPAL, WESTGLADES MIDDLE SCHOOL.** Working in the areas of Budget, Plant Management, Professional Orientation Program, School Advisory Committee, Instructional and Non-instructional evaluation, Curriculum development. Our work has centered maintaining high quality instruction while balancing the state and local initiatives as they impact the classroom. Special emphasis centered around a vibrant elective course offering that serves as a mainstay of the work for middle school students.

July 2005 to 2009 **PRINCIPAL, CYPRESS RUN EDUCATION CENTER.** Working in the areas of Budget, Plant Management, Professional Orientation Program, School Advisory Committee, Instructional and Non-instructional evaluation, Curriculum development. Our work has centered around redefining the roles and responsibilities of all personnel to meet the emotional, behavioral and academic needs of our students.

January 2002 to June 2003 **ADJUNCT PROFESSOR, FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY-** Adjunct professor at Florida Atlantic University teaching General Teaching Practices II. Primary discussion and learning centering around school culture and "literate classrooms".

September 1997 to June 2005 **PRINCIPAL, NORCREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.** Working in the areas of Budget, Plant Management, Professional Orientation Program, School Advisory Committee, Instructional and Non-instructional evaluation, Curriculum development, and Grant writing. I am also responsible for developing the Five-Year Technology Plan and coordinate the existing assets with future goals. The main focus of my daily work is to foster an environment where teachers are learning from one another and improving their teaching practice. We are a member of the Coalition of Essential Schools and work daily to emulate the ten Common Principles. Fostering this collegial environment is the key to developing quality reading instruction and an atmosphere that teachers

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work as professionals. Tone of Decency is the key to a successful culture in a school.

- September 1996 to 1997 **ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, NORCREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.** Working in the areas of budget, Discipline, Plant Management, Professional Orientation Program, Chairman of School Improvement Team, Instructional and Non-instructional evaluation, Curriculum development, and Grant writing. I am also responsible for developing the Five-Year Technology Plan and coordinate the existing assets with future goals.
- August 1989 to September, 1996 **ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, CORAL SPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL.** Worked in the areas of FTE, Budget, FTE and Budget Projections, Student Enrollment Projections, Discipline, Plant Management, Professional Orientation Program, Hiring of personnel, Instructional and Non-instructional evaluation, Professional Development Plan Process with ineffective teachers (2), and Coordinator of all aspects of Summer Term, 1990 to 1995. Also took on responsibilities of facilitating “focus groups” to address faculty issues/vision direction.
- November 1993 to November, 1995 **MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL INTERN PROGRAM**  
I met all requirements of this program and ran the Summer Term program at Apollo Middle School under the mentorship of Mrs. Jan Holt. I currently hold the certificate of **school principal.**
- January 1989 to August, 1989 **ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, OLSEN MIDDLE SCHOOL.**  
Worked in the areas of grade level discipline, Instructional and Non-instructional evaluation, FTE, and Summer school.
- August 1988 to December, 1988 **ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL INTERN, MCNICOL MIDDLE SCHOOL.**  
Worked in the areas of Scheduling, FTE, Budget, Instructional evaluation, and Grade level discipline.

**RELATED EXPERIENCES:**

- July 2015 to 2018 **SECRETARY FOR FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPALS** – My main responsibilities center around minutes, serving as the voice for middle schools and lobbying at the state level on behalf of the FASA Legislative platform.
- July 2010 to 2016 **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER – Broward Principals’ and Assistants Association** – My main responsibilities center around participating in monthly meetings with the superintendent and his senior cabinet to present concerns of the membership. I have also completed the financial analyses of expenditures of the organization to better evaluate our annual costs.
- July 2015 to June 2016 **CHAIRPERSON – District Budget Guidelines Committee.** The body of work centered at establishing equity among schools and levels to ensure that schools have the necessary personnel and materials. Additional asst. principals (elementary) and guidance counselors (middle) was one concrete by-product of the work.
- July 2013 to June 2014 **CHAIRPERSON – Middle School Principals Association.** The main responsibilities was to serve as the voice for middle schools at the district and state level. I served on the Superintendent’s ELT as the middle school perspective. I interacted on a daily basis with district personnel, assisted principals in issues that came about from district initiatives.
- July 2012 **PRESIDENT – Broward Principals’ and Assistants Association.** The main

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- to June 2013 challenge we confronted this year centered around the issues of furloughs due to the budget crisis impacting the country. This was the year that Mr. Notter retired and Mr. Runcie was hired. We also began to address the increased number of BTU grievances that led to greater expenditures in legal fees. I set the ground for increases in dues that was necessary for our association's viability. I have also participated in lobbying state legislators on behalf of educational issues.
- July 2007 to June 2008 **REPRESENTATIVE FOR CENTER PRINCIPALS** – Student Code of Conduct Committee / Discipline Matrix Committee
- July 11 through 16 2004 **PARTNERSHIP FOR LEADERS IN EDUCATION**  
The Darden Graduate School of Business Administration /Curry School of Education, University of Virginia  
**Executive Leadership Academy - Part I for Broward and Palm Beach Counties**  
Issues addressed: Strategic Challenges and Leadership Implications - we discussed district strategic challenges and leadership implications. Work centered around communication, processes and the interrelationships of all stakeholders at every level of the organization.
- July 2003 to June, 2004 **CHARIPERSON – Elementary Principals Association.** Attended and participated in weekly Senior Management meetings. Facilitated monthly elementary principals of over 135 schools. Chaired the executive board meeting monthly. This position served as the liaison between district personnel and initiatives required of all elementary schools.
- May 1999 to August 2000 Participated in the final group of the National School Reform Faculty through the Annenberg Foundation. This work has led to 100% of the Norcrest faculty involved in “critical friends group” and fostered the ongoing analysis of student work and adult collegiality.
- November 1996 to 2013 **“LEAD COACH”** for potential administrative candidates in Broward County. Work involves assisting participants in **portfolio** development/ goal and vision development and facilitating certain segments of the program. Also responsible for program development and modifications.
- Winter 1997 **ZONE VIDEO** for the Deerfield Beach Quality Coalition. Handled all aspects of committee organization, meeting agendas and facilitation, on site filming, and final editing of video for school board presentation.
- December, 1996 My work entitled **“TEAM COLLABORATION LEADS TO A SENSE OF COMMUNITY”** was published in the **NASSP Bulletin**. This work was written during NJWP.
- October, 1996 Coordinated all aspects of **“Net Day ‘96”** event: volunteers, business connections, planning of the Student and Teacher **“Showcase”** for guests and continuation of goals established by this event.
- September 1996 to present Serving as **chairperson** of the **Norcrest Elementary School Improvement Team**: handling all aspects of meeting agenda and facilitation, coordination of **1997/98 School Improvement Plan**.
- Summer 1996 Completed the **New Jersey Writing Project**, a three week process writing course to establish a positive, non-threatening writing environment in the classroom.
- January 1996 Established the first Middle School Squadron of the **Civil Air Patrol** in the State of Florida. Forty students graduated from the eighteen week curriculum, a bivouac, and a boot camp at Eglin Air Force Base.
- January to June, 1996 Handled all plant aspects of the **CSMS Technology Retrofit**(\$293,000.00 grant) on a day to day basis. Coordinated outside vendors and consultants through final inspection of project.

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- 1995 to 1996 Served on the steering committee/design team for the **South Florida Consortium** which began in August of 1996.
- October 1995 Presenter at the **First Annual Safe School's Conference** - workshop addressed techniques to bring together community and city leaders to foster the necessary results in establishing a Suspension Abeyance Program within an Innovation Zone.
- Spring, 1995 **Assisting Change in Education - 11**  
Department of Education, State of Florida
- 1993 to 1995 Served on the **School Improvement Team** of Winston Park Elementary School.
- 1992 to 1996 Served on the **School Improvement Team** of Coral Springs Middle School.
- 1993 to 1996 Established and co -chaired the **Parent Technical Advisory Committee** of Coral Springs Middle School.
- 1992 to 1995 **South Florida Center for Executive Educators**  
"Accept the Challenge" program. This involves ongoing collegial sharing and learning with colleagues throughout Region V. Collegial experiences with **Roland Barth, Carl Glickman, and Carole Rollheiser Bennet**
- Fall, 1993 Attended the **League of Professional Schools Conference** in Savannah, GA as a delegate for the South Florida Center for Executive Educators to evaluate their school reform efforts and report back to the SFCEE membership
- February, 1992 Coordinated a **Ethnic Awareness Month** hosting a variety of activities to celebrate the cultural diversity that surrounded us at Coral Springs Middle School. The month's activities culminated in a "Cultural Extravaganza" of ethnic foods, a student produced play on diversity, and an exposition of cultural dress, customs and artifacts.
- Fall, 1992 Piloted the first interrelational **discipline data base** allowing for reports to be generated by incident, teacher, team, etc. This allowed for the first disaggregated evaluation of data at the middle school level and the first data base to be shared by an administrative/guidance team.
- Summer, 1991 **Summer Institute, Coalition of Essential Schools**  
Brown University, Providence, RI - to reach an understanding of the Nine Common Principles and assist CSMS through the pending Study Year

**GRANT WRITING/RELATED WRITING ACTIVITIES**

- 1999 – 2001 **Annenberg Grant award** - Served on the committee formulating the zone Annenberg initiative resulting in the awarding of a \$600,000.00 three year grant centering around adult and student literacy.
- Spring, 1999 **State of Florida Learn and Serve grant** – This \$20,000.00 grant allowed 35 fourth through sixth grade children to perform environmental community service activities at Exchange Club Park, increasing civic mindedness as well as the need for community involvement.
- Spring, 1997 Developed the **School Safety/Security Plan** for Norcrest.
- November, 1996 **Bell South "Showcase" Grant** submitted to extend connectivity from the school's LAN to the school board WAN

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- September, 1996 **Blue Ribbon Application** - handled organization of committee assignments, editing and final draft of application - this was forwarded by the State of Florida to the Federal Department of Education in December, 1996
- July, 1996 **Safe School's Grant** awarded for \$87,000.00 to maintain the Suspension Abeyance Program in Coral Springs.
- November, 1996 **Juvenile Justice Grant** awarded for \$49,000.00 to establish a business mentoring/ apprenticeship program in conjunction with the City of Coral Springs and area businesses.
- June, 1995 I wrote the **CSMS School Safety Plan** establishing in writing emergency procedures to be followed in the event of a serious incident on campus as outlined through School Board Policies and Procedures.
- July, 1995 **Safe School's Grant** awarded for \$98,000.00 to establish the first Suspension Abeyance Program in the City of Coral Springs.
- July, 1994 **Retrofit for Technology Grant** awarded \$293,000.00 to Coral Springs Middle School to retrofit the building to meet the technological challenges of the 21st century.

**COMPUTER EXPERTISE**

I have extensive experience in the software programs Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Filemaker Pro, and Powerpoint. I have created a variety of **Powerpoint presentations**. One effort entitled "**Another Viewpoint**" was developed for the pending **bond issue**. This will be used by schools to address the challenges facing Broward County Schools. Information was taken from Dr. Petruzielo's editorial, "Another Viewpoint", and the related position papers developed by staff. I have made presentations for the PTA and school staffs.

I also have experience in troubleshooting "local talk" and "ethernet" local area networks, having served as "network manager". Along with the Technology Committee the first comprehensive Technology plan has been established at Norcrest, determining the capability of all assets and needed upgrades to allow for their functionality on the LANs.

**ACTIVITIES:** Bicycling, Running, Tennis, Rollerblading, Music, Reading, and Gardening.

References will be furnished upon request.