



**CITY OF COCONUT CREEK
EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**

**Government Center
4800 West Copans Road
Coconut Creek, FL 33063**

**Date: December 6, 2021
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Meeting No. 2021-1206**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Robert Hurley at 6:02 p.m.

2. PRESENT UPON ROLL CALL

Robert Hurley, Chair
Brian Kenney, Vice Chair
Susan Sargis
Jack Vesey
Louise Ball, Alternate

Also present: Assistant to the City Manager Bernadette Hughes, Mayor Rebecca Tooley, Commissioner Sandra Welch, and Commissioner Jackie Railey.

ABSENT:

Jeff Realejo

Chair Hurley noted that the meeting was being conducted live with a quorum physically present, and explained that, in light of the pandemic, accommodations were made to allow the public to provide advanced comments without the need to attend the meeting. Assistant to the City Manager Bernadette Hughes explained the procedures for public participation and comment for the meeting.

3. INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC

Ms. Hughes stated that no advanced public comments were received for the meeting.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A MOTION APPROVING THE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING(S). (2021-1101)

MOTION: Kenney/Vesey – To approve the Minutes of the November 1, 2021, meeting as presented.

Upon roll call, the Motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

AGENDA ITEMS

5. DISCUSSION – MENTORING OPPORTUNITIES

Commissioner Welch shared an update regarding mentoring opportunities in the community and stated the need with Take Stock in Children Broward was still present.

Chair Hurley shared a brief update on the Transition into Employment program at Atlantic Technical College (ATC) and discussed his tour of the program. He discussed the services available to the students to work toward their goals of independence and paid employment.

Ms. Hughes introduced Laura Glorioso from ATC to share more on the program. Laura Glorioso, teacher with Transition into Employment and Coordinator of the Advisory Council, discussed the program. She stated she had previously provided the Board members with packets to provide additional information. She shared regarding the program's efforts planned for the coming months, including video business tours, guest speakers, and hands-on opportunities. Continuing, Ms. Glorioso discussed partnerships in progress and those on their wish list based on student interest. Mr. Vesey asked how many students the program were looking to place in a given year. Ms. Glorioso discussed the number of students in various classes.

Ms. Hughes stated she had spoken with the Regional Chamber of Commerce, and Ms. Glorioso would be presenting to them in February. She noted the City was looking for ways the students in this program could participate in preparation for the Butterfly Festival in February.

6. DISCUSSION – RECYCLING

Chair Hurley reminded the Board of the ongoing discussion regarding the City's Reuse Center and educating students on recycling in Coconut Creek in an effort to increase recycling numbers.

Ms. Ball shared an update on the Reuse Center. She stated she would be working with Environmental Engineering Specialist Ted Risberg to develop a survey for teachers and noted that each Board member would reach out to their schools to develop a list of grade level chairs to assist in disseminating information.

Mr. Vesey discussed his presentation at the recent Environmental Advisory Board meeting in order to bring that Board in on the recycling initiative. He stated they were supportive and could partner on a presentation to the City Commission. He stated after that the next step would be to reach out to representatives at the individual schools for cooperation. Mr. Vesey explained the goal was to promote a school-to-home initiative to expand the volume of recycling being collected in Coconut Creek. He discussed the need to educate the community on contamination of recyclables by working with students.

Ms. Hughes invited the students present at the meeting to give feedback on how to get students excited about the recycling contest. Students and administrators from Monarch High School, Coconut Creek Elementary School, and Margate Middle School shared ideas, along with Commissioner Railey and Mayor Tooley.

Ms. Hughes stated she would coordinate with Mr. Vesey and Mr. Risberg prior to the next meeting and bring a draft of the contest criteria and logistics for review by the Board at the next meeting.

Mr. Vesey shared details of the Pass Up Plastics pledge as another way to get involved. Ms. Hughes invited the Board members to visit the City's website and sign up for the pledge.

7. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Ms. Hughes updated on student participation on the Board. She introduced the students who had expressed an interest, some of whom were in attendance. She noted service hours would be provided for all students in attendance.

Ms. Sargis reported on Monarch High School. She stated the School Accountability Committee (SAC) had met on November 9, and there would not be a meeting in December. She shared regarding food baskets distributed by a group of clubs at the school to needy families and a dance marathon for Nicholas Children's Hospital. She discussed college and military visits and details of spirit week at the school, as well as concerts planned. Ms. Sargis stated the North Area Advisory Council had met and shared information regarding speakers at the meeting. She discussed a need to better communicate the new homework policy to teachers.

Ms. Ball shared an update from Tradewinds Elementary School. She explained the school was holding computer science education week and stated the SAC meeting would be held the following day. She noted Parent Equity Night was scheduled for December 14.

Mr. Kenney shared his report on Coconut Creek Elementary School. He shared details of events, including ELA Blast Night, and asked Ms. Fairclough to share details of the Green Parties hosted at the school.

Nandrane Fairclough, Assistant Principal at Coconut Creek Elementary School, discussed a program to close the pandemic academic gap in a way that makes it personal and recognizes students with green treats and prizes.

Mr. Kenney stated the SAC meeting was scheduled for the following day, and shared details of the school's first vaccination day scheduled for December 14.

Mr. Vesey provided an update on Lyons Creek Middle School. He discussed incident reporting on the school's website in an effort towards transparency, as well as the first Parent Night of the year in November. He stated high school students had made a presentation to the eighth graders to discuss alternative options for high school, a straight-A honor assembly was hosted with virtual attendance options on November 30, and sixth grade health screenings were scheduled for December 13. Mr. Vesey shared details of upcoming band performances. He discussed technology training that science teachers had attended, reviewed opportunities for after-school help for students, and explained opportunities for students quarantining with COVID-19 exposures. Chair Hurley shared his report on Winston Park Elementary School. He stated the SAC team recently discussed important events for December and January, and reviewed

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those events, including testing, virtual family math night, inclusive school week, and the upcoming PTA meeting. He shared details of a successful collaboration with Coconut Creek High School during Thanksgiving week. Continuing, Chair Hurley provided an update on Coconut Creek High School. He outlined the subjects discussed at the SAC meeting, stated the guidance department was busy organizing for exams at the end of the term, and discussed upcoming events. He stated the football team had advanced to regionals.

Ms. Hughes invited the students to share anything they may want to discuss about programs at their individual schools.

The Student Body President at Coconut Creek High School shared details of talent pageants planned at the school on December 11.

Broward County Public Schools Interim Superintendent Dr. Vickie Cartwright stated that the Broward County School District was reaccredited the previous week, and stated she was proud of the staff, students, and partners.

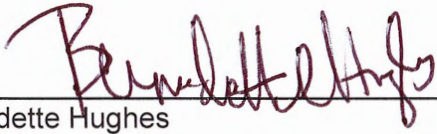
8. SET DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Ms. Hughes stated the next meeting would be held on January 24. She discussed the agenda for the meeting and the required frequency of meetings.

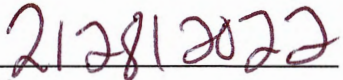
Mr. Vesey noted he thought it was important the Board continue to meet monthly, if possible.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.



Bernadette Hughes
Assistant to the City Manager



Date