

Education Advisory Board (EAB)  
Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> 2012, 6:00PM  
Minutes

A meeting of the EAB was duly called and held on Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> 2012, in the auditorium, City Hall. Chair Lisa Conlon-Dodge called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

Present at the meeting were:

EAB Members

- Lisa Conlon-Dodge (Chair)
- Gary Gorman (Vice Chair)
- Tevis Jones
- Holly Kaplan
- David Brundage
- Melissa Megna
- Ted Sanders
- Felicia Anderson
- Fernando Lopez

Non Members

- Michael Consaul (Principal, Pioneer Middle)

**MINUTES:**

Minutes of the January 4th, 2012 meeting were reviewed. The minutes were approved, following a Motion from Melissa Megan seconded by Gary Gorman.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mrs. Megna discussed collecting Box Tops in existing locations, such as City Hall, Rec Center by placing collection boxes. Funds raised would be split between the schools including the middle and elementary schools, high school will be included if allowed.

Box Top rules allow for making collection boxes, rather than relying on boxes provided. Box Tops need to collated and reviewed to discard expired ones. The February submission date is February 14<sup>th</sup>. Likely would be able to have something for the October submission date. The proceeds can be taken in cash or used in the eStore.

Mrs. Megna to create a plan including suggested locations for placing collection boxes and present the plan at the March meeting with the intention of starting to collect in April. Dave Brundage offered to help make the collection boxes.

Mrs. Conlon-Dodge noted that there were 11 Burger King cards turned in so far, mostly from Cooper City Elementary which amounted in 11 dollars.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The EAB received a resignation from Liz Losey.

Mrs. Conlon Dodge and Mr. Brundage attended the City Government Admin event which went well.

Mr. Sanders discussed the grants research, which seemed to lots of scams which involve selling of lists. Will keep working to see if there are truly real grants that the EAB can apply for.

Mr. Brundage commented that while working at the polls on Election Day, he observed someone passing out info against the charter schools. The gist of the info is that Charter Schools less funding per student, leaving the student short changed. Mrs. Conlon-Dodge commented that most are funded by a Foundation setup and funded by parents and kids and felt that the kids are not shortchanged.

There was a discussion of the new charter schools coming to Cooper City, Franklin which is building a new High School near the Schott property on Flamingo Road. And, Renaissance, a new K-8 off Palm Ave.

Mrs. Consaul commented that he was not concerned about losing enrollment at Pioneer.

The question was asked, would the grades from the new charter schools be included in the scores for Cooper City, and the answer is yes.

The question was posed, does the EAB support ALL schools in Cooper City. The answer is no, just the public schools and not the private VPK facilities.

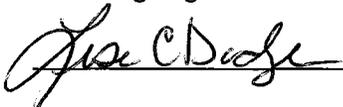
Breakfast with the Principals is scheduled for February 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 in the City Hall Auditorium; please RSVP if you are attending.

An Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>; please RSVP if you are attending.

Mrs. Lopez asked if the state has sent out recommendations for School Recognition Funds, Mrs. Megan commented that they had and some had already been sent in.

Mrs. Megan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Conlon-Dodge and the meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm.

The foregoing Minutes were submitted by Secretary Tevis Jones and approved by Chairman

 on 2/1 2012.