

# EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2012, 6:00 PM

### MINUTES

A meeting of the EAB was duly called and held on Wednesday, November 7, 2012, 6:00 PM, in the auditorium of City Hall.

Special guest in attendance was Robert Becker, Principal of Embassy Creek Elementary.

Members present: Chair Renee Grutman, Vice Chair Melissa Megna, Pamela Sands, Holly Kaplan, Theodore Sander, Tevis Jones, Anne Culotta, David Brundage, Fernando Lopez and Robert Fleischer

Members absent: Elizabeth Janzer and Gary J. Gorman

#### I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

At 6:05, EAB Chair Renee Grutman presided over the meeting.

#### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion for approval of the Minutes of the last meeting held on September 5, 2012, and October 3, 2012, was made by Robert Fleischer, seconded by Pamela Sands.

#### III. OLD BUSINESS:

The EAB was pleased with the execution of the School Board Candidates Forum that was held on October 25, 2012, 6:00 PM, regardless of the inclement weather that day and low attendance. The EAB thought it was presented professionally and the League of Women were wonderful, serving as moderator and amendment educator. We were also pleased with our sponsors, Dunkin Donuts and Tijuana Flats Burrito Co., who donated delicious foods in large quantities.

Thank you notes need to be sent to the sponsors.

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS & DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- *EAB Funds:* Carol Adams informed the board that the cost of refreshments for the Candidates Forum was \$91.73 and refreshments for the first Leadership in Government Class was \$21.98, leaving a total of \$496.59 in the Peace Bracelet Sales Escrow Account.
- *Meet with City Manager Bruce Loucks:* Renee Grutman suggested that we meet with Bruce Loucks and other commissioners and invite them to our next EAB meeting to discuss the boards fundraising capabilities and use of other available funds. The board also needs to prepare a projected budget prior to the meeting.
- *Tee-shirts for Leadership in Government Students:* Carol Adams needs to know if the EAB will purchase the shirts for the 10 Leadership in Government students, which will cost approx \$7 each. A motion to pay for shirts was made by Renee Grutman, with Melissa Megna providing the second.
- *Dedication to John McCall:* The EAB would like to name the Leadership in Government program after the late Cooper City High School teacher John McCall. This will also be discussed at the meeting with Bruce Loucks.
- *Expiring Board Members:* There are several members whose terms on the EAB have expired. Will these members be reinstated? Another question needed to pose to the commissioners.
- *Partners in Education Project:* Renee Grutman suggested a project/fair involving the 5 Cooper City schools, parents and their partners one morning in April 2013. The purpose is to educate the

parents and community about programs, services and business available in our area. Partners invited would include Memorial Hospital, PTA's/PTO's, local businesses, entertainment, dropout programs, drug programs, financial programs, mini job fair, etc. We would invite each school to perform, thus attracting more attendance. We would advertise via phone links and flyers.

Principal Becker suggested that there needs to be more of a focus for the event. The fair location of Cooper City High School may have parking issues. Will discuss more at next meeting.

- *Informational Meeting THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2012 6:30 PM @ COOPER CITY HIGH SCHOOL Auditorium.* There will be an informational meeting at Cooper City High School regarding the District's new boundary change process. All five Cooper City public schools will be represented and will address student enrollment, class size, and issues related to Charter Schools and school boundaries. Parking areas are available in front of school, south lot, east lot, and more parking at the Church of God, next door.

**V. NEXT MEETING DATE:**

The next EAB meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 5, 2012.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting concluded at 7:02 PM, motion made by Renee Grutman, second by Melissa Megna..

The foregoing Minutes were submitted by Secretary Holly Kaplan and approved on

12/5/12, by Renee Grutman  
Chair, Renee Grutman