

EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD

WEDNESDAY, December 5, 2012, 6:00 PM

MINUTES

A meeting of the EAB was duly called by Chair Renee Grutman and held on Wednesday, December 5, 2012, 6:05 PM, in the Auditorium of City Hall.

Special guests in attendance were City Manager Bruce Louke and Michael Consaul, Principal of Pioneer Middle School. Linda Ferraro of the Broward County Safety and Traffic Committee was also in attendance

Members present: Chair Renee Grutman, Vice Chair Melissa Megna, Holly Kaplan, Theodore Sander, Tevis Jones, Fernando Lopez and Robert Fleischer

Members absent: Elizabeth Janzer, Pamela Sands, Anne Culotta and Gary J. Gorman

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The meeting minutes for the meeting on November 7, 2012, was not provided at today's meeting and will be voted on approval at the next EAB meeting.

III. GUEST SPEAKER

City Manager Bruce Loucks attended today's meeting at the request of the EAB and discussed the following:

- *EAB's fundraising capabilities and use of other available funds.* Loucks stated that the EAB has the freedom to fundraise and accept donations; however, the EAB is prohibited from advertising any business that donated and can only "recognize" their generosity. He also stated that when the EAB was created, the EAB stated that they would be responsible for their own expenses and the Cooper City discretionary funds were not available for EAB functions or activities, such as entertaining the participants in the Leadership in Government Program. Loucks noted that the city already demonstrated the utilization of resources and expense in accommodating this worthy program. Loucks suggestion was to create a plan and budget and submit a motion on the Commission agenda to redirect funds to the EAB.
- *Dedicate the Leadership in Government Program to John McCall.* Loucks supported the dedication. A motion to dedicate the Program to the late John McCall was made by Melissa Megna, seconded by Tevis Jones. Carol Adams, Assistant to the Mayor and Commissioners, will begin this process.
- *Expiring terms of board members.* A Citizen Resource Form was sent to the expired members. These forms should be submitted to the City Clerk.

IV. OLD & NEW BUSINESS:

- *David Brundage resigned from the EAB.*

- *Tee-shirts for Leadership in Government Students:* The shirts were purchased, costing \$80 of EAB funds.
- *Partners in Education Project:* The EAB discussed moving the date to November 2013, to kick-off the school year and avoid testing and conflicts with other school activities. The EAB also is now considering Pioneer Middle School for the location due to space. Pioneer Middle Principal Michael Consaul was supportive of this suggestion. More will be discussed in January 2013.
- *Linda Ferraro, Broward County Safety and Traffic Board.* Ms. Ferraro attended the meeting to request the EAB's participation in the County's texting while driving campaign, "Takes 5 to Stay Alive." There were a couple of avenues that the EAB could participate: Distribute information throughout the Cooper City school district and/or join in the legislative action. The EAB decided to discuss further in January.

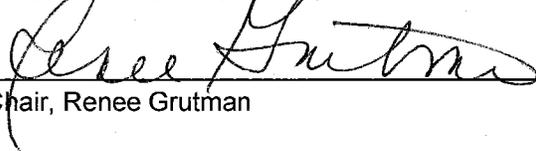
V. NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next EAB meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 9, 2013.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting concluded at 7:05 PM, motion made by Fernando Lopez, second by Tevis Jones.

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

2/6/2013, by 
Chair, Renee Grutman