

## Cooper City Education Advisory Board Minutes

May 6, 2015

Members Present: Chair, Renee Grutman; Candace Coyne, Robert W. Fleischer, Jena Rae McClure; Kelly Van Buskirk, Robert Rogers  
Member Absent: Anne Culotta, Helen Cohen, Melissa Megna, Jason Smith  
Guests: Mayor Greg Ross, Cooper City  
Charles Webster, BCSB Governmental Affairs  
Next Meeting: June 3, 2015

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Meeting called to order by Chair Grutman at 6:05 PM.

**I. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting:**

Candace Coyne moved to approve minutes from prior meeting; Chair Grutman seconded. All members present voted favorably on the motion.

**II. Old Business:**

All five Cooper City Schools received their \$75 share of funds raised by EAB at 2014 Founders Day fundraiser.

2015 Founders Day: The Board hosted a booth with news and information from Cooper City Schools at the 2015 Founders Day event. Unfortunately, inclement weather prevented a raffle from being held. **Action Item: Kelly will obtain a quote for the work and submit the budget item to the board. See attached.**

Bicycle & Community Safety: Jena reported Cooper City Elementary was the sole participating school at the Bicycle Ride for Fitness. Candace Coyne suggested that the board reach out the principals at each of the schools in advance of the event (October/November) next year in order to improve participation.

**III. New Business:**

EAB Elections: Candace Coyne noted the board is to elect new officers annually per the EAB bylaws. It was suggested the elections take place in August, prior to the start of the school year. All members present agreed.

Reading/Literacy Mentoring Program: Jena Rae McClure suggested the board develop a reading/literacy mentoring program wherein older students can earn service hours by participating in regular reading/literacy events with elementary school students outside of regular school hours. The board enthusiastically agreed that such a program would be beneficial to students, schools and families in Cooper City. Kelly moved that Jena McClure chair a committee to research and develop the reading mentorship program. Candace Coyne seconded; all members present voted favorably on the motion.

Budget: Board will include cost for EAB banner, and EAB shirts in its budget request to the City Commission. Additional budget requests to be determined by the board.

**IV. Discussion**

Charles Webster, BCSB Governmental Affairs, gave the board an update on BCSB news and initiatives. Noted the BCSB has been working in collaboration with the Broward County Commission and Children's Services Council on literacy initiatives.

Next EAB meeting scheduled for June 3, 2015. Kelly noted she will not attend the June meeting as she will be out of town.

Chair Grutman moved to adjourn at 7:10 PM, and Robert Fleischer seconded.

The foregoing minutes were submitted by Kelly Van Buskirk and approved on

June 3, 2015

by Renee Grutman, EAB Chair.  
Renee Grutman